

#### 4.5 Establishment of RASI (Rural Access to Services through Internet)

Rural Development (SGSY) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 205

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1. From the Director of Rural Development Rc.No.41834/2002/SGSY/ dated: 09.05.2002
2. From the Director of Rural Development D.O.Lr.No.41834/2002/SGSY/ Dated: 07.11.2002

#### ORDER

The Hon'ble Minister for Local Administration announced on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Assembly on 17.04.2002 that Computer information kiosks shall be established in the Panchayats of 10 districts as a first phase at a cost of Rs.30 crores so that 6000 Self Help Groups are benefited.

2. In pursuance of the above announcement the Director of Rural Development has sent the proposal as detailed below:

Under this scheme it has been proposed to set up atleast one Internet based information Kiosk in every panchayat. Self Help Groups will be assisted through subsidy-cum-credit linked finance under SGSY to set up the Kiosk. The members of Self Help Groups will be trained in the operation of the information Kiosk. The main income for the Self Help Groups will be through providing access to essential needs and provide accurate and timely information through the Kiosk. It will enable the villagers for instance, to download government application and forms in the village Kiosk itself instead of going to the taluk office which may be 10 to 15 Kms. away. Farmers can have access to agricultural information through the Internet, send e-mails, chat with agricultural scientists, get market rates of commodities etc. The revenue for the Kiosk operator (Self Help Groups) will be through providing these services at a nominal fee to the villagers. Internet usage will be another source of income. They can also derive revenue from the Kiosk through Desk top publishing and printing. The potential for revenue earning for the Self Help Groups is therefore tremendous. The above scheme is proposed to be implemented in Madurai, Cuddalore, Coimbatore, Kancheepuram, Theni, Tirunelveli, Salem, Nagapattinam, Erode and Tiruvallur Districts during 2003 - 2004.

3. The cost of investment for setting up the Kiosk will be as follows:

Computer, Modem and UPS,	:	Rs.	35,000
Printer & with accessories	:	Rs.	15,000
Fax/Scanner	:	Rs.	5,000
Cost for software and CDs	:	Rs.	5,000
Furniture	:	Rs.	5,000
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>60,000</b>

The cost for the above has to be met as follows:-

Subsidy	:	Rs.	30,000/-
Loan portion	:	Rs.	30,000/-

The loan portion will be paid by the Self Help Group / Kiosk Operators as indicated below:-

#### Repayment Period

At 12% rate of interest charged by the Bank	7 Years	9 Years
EMI for Rs.10,000/-	Rs.175.90	Rs.151.20
EMI for Rs.30,000/-	Rs.527.70	Rs.453.60
Recurrent Costs (includes E.B.charges, telephone maintenance);	Rs.12,000/- P.a.	

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4. The space for accommodation will be in the Buildings constructed for SHGs/ School Building / Public Buildings with the concerned Panchayat limits.

5. The Self Help Groups which have been graded and ready for economic Assistance may be considered for providing loan for starting the Kiosk. Only one or two members of the group will be operating the Kiosk and therefore other members must be provided economic assistance for other activities with subsidy.

6. The districts can adopt "intranet model" for which initially each Kiosk will be required to have telephone line and this will be connected to the district server located in District Rural Development Agency office on Dial-up basis. The District Rural Development Agency server will be linked to BSNL through dedicated line and this linkage should be done in BSNL operations. Initially through dial-up, the Kiosk can be linked to the server, which will provide facility for internet connections between Kiosks, any information that need to be conveyed to all the Kiosk can be passed through the District Server and similarly any information that needs to be connected through Kiosks, relating to updating of data can be done.

7. A District Level Monitoring Committee be constituted by the District Collector who will be Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee shall have the following as members:-

1. District Collector
2. Project officer, DRDA
3. Revenue Divisional Officers.
4. District Social Welfare Officer
5. Assistant Director (Panchayat)
6. District Register.
7. Joint Director (Public Health)
8. Joint Director (Agriculture)
9. Joint Director (Animal Husbandry)
10. Executive Engineer, TWAD Board.
11. Superintending Engineer, TNEB
12. District Rehabilitation Officer.
13. Chief Educational Officer.
14. Personal Assistant (NMP) to the Collector.
15. Lead Bank.
16. Representative of ELCOT.
17. Radio Supervisors of defunct Tamil Nadu Radio and Television Maintenance Organisation.

8. The Committee will meet once in a month. The Project Officer will act as Member Secretary. The Committee will be the implementing and Monitoring Agency. The Committee has to collect the details of application / petitions / format relating to various departments obtained for these Computer Information Kiosks and also to decide on the relevant updating that needs to be done for the month.

9. The Director of Rural Development has also suggested Rates that may be charged by the Kiosk Operator.

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| 1. Grievance redressal* | Rs.10/- each |
| 2. Caste Certificate*   | Rs.10/- each |
| 3. Domicile Certificate |              |

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4. Income Certificate*	
5. Land Records* (patta transfer and other details)	Rs.15/- each
6. Prices in local markets	Rs.5/-
7. Driving Licence*	Rs.20/- each
8. Online examination results	Rs.20/- each
9. E-mail	Rs.5/- each
10. Local Employment News & Employment Registration	Rs.10/- each
11. Social security pension*	Rs.5/- each
12. Old age pension*	Rs.5/- each
13. Matrimonial	Rs.25/-
14. Other application forms	Rs.5/- per page
15. BPL Survey List	Rs.5/- each
16. Registration of Birth / Death*	Rs.10/- each item
17. Expert advice on Agriculture / Veterinary Health / Legal / Administrative issues to be decided by the District	
18. Registration guideline Value	Rs.5/-
19. Local Buying & Selling of used goods.	Rs.10/-

\* includes cost typing, filling in details and transmission to the appropriate office through District Server.

10.The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Rural Development in detail and decided to establish Computer Information Kiosks in every Panchayat. The Government accordingly order as follows:-

- (i) The scheme of establishing Computer Information Kiosk will be extended to all Districts.
- (ii) Every Village Panchayat will be formed with one Computer Information Kiosk;
- (iii) The Information Kiosks to be established in rural areas be named as RASI Centres;
- (iv) The RASI Centres to be established shall be maintained by SHGs
- (v) DRDAs shall release subsidy for SHGs for establishing the centers as per the Guidelines of Swarnajayanthi Gramin Swarazgor Yojana;
- (vi) The ELCOT will impart training to the Self Help Group member who operates the RASI centre;
- (vii) The District level committee constituted in para-7 above will monitor the effective functioning of the RASI centre.

11.The order issues with the concurrence of Information Technology Department vide its U.O.No.466/IT/2003, dated 11.06.2003 and Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2071/FS/P/03, dated 17.06.2003.

(By order of the Governor)

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