



Letter No.20599/Tele.I/08,  
Public (Telephones.I) Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai -9.  
Dated 2.5.2008.

From  
Thiru D. Jothi Jagarajan, I.A.S.,  
Secretary to Government.

To  
All Secretaries to Government  
Secretariat, Chennai 9

Sub: Telephones – Provision of broad band facility to  
the office telephones - Views of IT Department-  
Decision of Public Department intimated - Regarding.

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I am directed to state that of late many requests are being received by this Department for provision of Broad Band facility, to the office telephones consequent on the introduction of e-Governance and e-Tendering.

2. While examining the proposal of one of the departments in Secretariat the IT Department was consulted whether all the subordinate offices of that Department throughout the State are covered by TNSWAN. The IT Department has stated that ELCOT is implementing the TNSWAN (Tamil Nadu Statewide Area Net work) throughout the State. The points of presence (POPs) of TNSWAN are being established in 708 locations as given below:

State Centre Perungudi	1
District Head Quarters	30
Revenue Divisional Offices	73
Taluk Head Quarters	206
Block Development Officers	385
MANPOPs. (Secretariat, Kuralagam, Ezhilagam, DPI DMS and Panagal Maaligai)	6
Special Offices (Raj Bhavan, C.M's Camp Office, CS Camp Office O/o. DGP, O/o. Cop, Corporation of Chennai, ELCOT Corporate office	7
Total POPs	708

The IT Department has also opined that Departments which are in need of Broad band facility may find out the nearest POP and make necessary arrangements to link their offices with the nearest POP in consultation with ELCOT. The work to avail this facility has to be undertaken by the Departments

concerned out of their budgetary resources as observed by the Chief Secretary on 28.4.2008 during the all Secretaries meeting.

3. This Department has therefore decided to follow the instructions of IT Department in future on proposals of the various Departments relating to sanction of Broad Band facility to the office telephones of their offices as well as their subordinate offices in the state and not to entertain any requests for ratification proposals in this regard if sent by Heads of Departments.

4. I am therefore to state that whenever request for provision of Broad Band facility on ground of e-Tendering or e-Governance initiative etc., to the office telephones is received from the Heads of Departments, under your control and for their subordinate offices in the State, the IT Department may be consulted on availing the round the clock internet facility already created by them under the "TNSWAN" scheme through ELCOT not only as a measure of economy but also as a concerted measure of effective net working of all Government officers in the State for the ultimate benefit of the needy public .

5. I am also to request you to instruct the Heads of Departments under your control accordingly and take appropriate further action in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary to Government

Copy to :

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