

**IN THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. D. 36812 of 2024
IN
W.P. (C) NO. 1040 of 2019**

IN THE MATTER OF:

ANUJ NAKADE

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

**DR. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
& ORS.**

**...ALLEGED
CONTEMNORS**

**AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF ANDHRA
PRADESH/ ALLEGED CONTEMNOR NO. 1**

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Advocate for the State of Andhra Pradesh: **GUNTUR PRAMOD KUMAR**

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I, Pola Bhaskar, S/o Pola Venkatayya, aged about 59 years, Special Chief Secretary (GPM & AR), General Administration Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, o/o A.P Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, having temporarily come down Visakhapatnam, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. I am the Special Chief Secretary (GPM & AR), General Administration Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh and as such I am well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the present case based on the record, and competent to affirm this affidavit.

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2. Previously, on 27.06.2024, Dr. Poonam Malakondaiah (named as Alleged Contemnor No.1) was posted as the Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, however she retired on 30.06.2024 and I am now discharging the duties of the said post.
3. That the present Contempt Petition has been filed alleging wilful disobedience/non-compliance of the final order dated 20.03.2023 passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. (C) No.1040 of 2019.
4. At the outset, the Deponent tenders an unconditional apology to this Hon'ble Court. The Deponent holds this Hon'ble Court in the highest regard and it has never been their intent to disobey any order of this Hon'ble Court.
5. That this Hon'ble Court, *vide* its order dated 20.03.2023 in W.P (C) No.1040 of 2019 *inter alia* issued the following direction;

“In view of orders which have been passed in WP (Civil) No.1325 of 2020, there shall be a direction to all State Governments/Union Territories to set up and operationalize online web portals so that information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005 is made available

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in respect of all public authorities falling within their jurisdiction. This exercise shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of this order.”

6. Apart from the above order, this Hon'ble Court also considered similar issues in W.P. (C) No.360 of 2021 and *vide* order dated 09.10.2023, passed the following directions:

“23. In view of the above discussion, we are of the considered view that access to the Information Commissions is integral to securing the right to Information, which is a necessary concomitant of right to equality under Article 14, the freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution, and the right to life under Article 21. Accordingly, we direct that all SICs across the country must provide hybrid modes of hearing to all litigants for the hearing of complaints as well as appeals. All SICs must provide an option for availing of a hybrid mode of hearing which shall be at the discretion of the applicant, or as the case may be, the appellant. The links for availing of the

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option must be stipulated in the daily cause list of the Information Commissions across the country. This shall be operationalized no later than by 31st December, 2023.

27. All the State Governments shall cooperate in the implementation of the order. The State Governments shall, where funds are required, ensure provision of necessary funds to all the NICs for setting up the infrastructure for conducting virtual hearings. The CIC and SICs would be at liberty to avail of the facilities which have been provided by the NIC for setting up the websites on the NA WAS Platform which provides for ease of access in the electronic mode,”

7. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has every intention to comply with the above mentioned orders of this Hon'ble Court, and in this regard, the following steps have been taken:

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- i. The Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Secretary, A.P Information Commission for implementation of the order of this Hon'ble Court in W.P (Civil) No.360 of 2021 and to take immediate necessary action *vide* Letter No.2246116/GAD/AR/A2/2023-2, G.A(AR)Dept., Dated 08.11.2023.
- ii. In the meanwhile, the State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC), A.P. Information Commission has sent another proposal requesting the Government to sanction an amount of INR. 2,51,02,582/- to provide Hardware and Software equipment for conducting Virtual/Hybrid Hearings, Development of web-portal of APIC for e-filing and infrastructure (Personal Computers etc.) to comply with the directions of this Hon'ble Court *vide* AP Information Commission Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018 dated 11.12.2023.

A True Copy of Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018 dated 11.12.2023 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-A1.**

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- iii. The proposals submitted by the A.P. Information Commission were examined by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. On examination, the Secretary, A.P. Information Commission was requested to route those requirements, specifications and estimates also through NIC *vide* Letter No.2298711/GAD/AR/2023-1, G.A(AR) Dept. dated 20.12.2023.
- iv. The State Informatics Officer (SIO), National Informatics Centre (NIC), Vijayawada was also requested to examine the requirements, specifications and estimates in consultation with the A.P. Information Commission and then finalise the estimates urgently, *vide* Letter No.2298711/GAD/AR/2023-2, GA(AR) Dept. dated 20.12.2023.

A True Copy of Letter No.2298711/GAD/AR/2023-1, GA(AR) Dept. dated 20.12.2023 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-A2**.

A True Copy of Letter No.2298711/GAD/AR/2023-2, GA(AR) Dept. dated 20.12.2023 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-A3**.

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- v. The State Informatics Officer, Vijayawada has informed the Government of Andhra Pradesh that the NIC team has thoroughly examined the requirements, specifications and estimates and submitted an estimate of Rs.1,86,88,582/- for Hybrid Video Conference Setup, Hardware and Software systems vide Lr. No.NIC- APSC/SIO/2019/117 dated 02.01.2024.

A True Copy of Lr. No.NIC- APSC/SIO/2019/117 dated 02.01.2024 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-A4.**

- vi. While communicating the letter of State Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre, Vijayawada, the Secretary, A.P. Information Commission has been requested by the Government of Andhra Pradesh *vide* Lr. No. 2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-5 dated 05.02.2024 to furnish a comprehensive proposal keeping in view the estimates furnished by the NIC team for taking necessary action for implementation of the judgement of this Hon'ble Court.

A True Copy of Lr. No. 2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-5 dated 05.02.2024 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-A5.**

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- vii.** That thereafter, the Lok Sabha as well as State Legislative Assembly Elections took place in May 2024, followed by the declaration of results and subsequent forming of the Government, follow-up action in this regard also suffered some delay.
- viii.** Thereafter, in connection with the implementation of the orders of this Hon'ble Court, a meeting was held by the Chief Secretary to Government with the officials of G.A. (GPM& AR) Department, A.P. Information Commission, Finance, NIC and ITE &C Department on 29.07.2024. It has been deliberated in the said meeting to expedite the process for operationalisation of Online RTI Web portal. The Chief Secretary to Govt. has further reviewed the matter on 29.09.2024 with all the above concerned officials.
- ix.** The issue was referred to ITE&C Department for their remarks in the matter, as advised by Finance Department. The I.T.E.& C. Department has stated that they conducted survey along with NIC Officials at A.P. Information Commission, Mangalagiri, Guntur District. After obtaining the remarks of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department, the connected file was referred to Finance

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Dept. for their concurrence / remarks. The Finance Department have concurred this department proposal and advised to obtain orders in circulation from the competent authority as per the A.P. Secretariat Business Rules in vogue.

- x. Accordingly, the file has been processed for obtaining orders, and is in circulation. Further, on the orders of the Chief Secretary to Govt. of A.P., a meeting has been held with the Officials of A.P. State Information Commission, NIC, ITE&C and GA (GPM&AR) again on 19.11.2024. In the meeting, it has been deliberated that:
 - a. e-File will be circulated to GA Department with recommendation to consider including the development of web portal by NIC at Rs.73,02,582/-.
 - b. IT,E&C PMU and APTS will coordinate and resolve the vulnerabilities in APSIC website.
 - c. NIC shall complete the APSIC new web portal duly migrating data from the current website.

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- d. Instructions will be issued to APTS to do the preparatory work and issue bids for the Bill of Material (BoM) and estimates, as approved by the Finance Department for APSIC Video conference (VC) proposal.

A True Copy of the Minutes of Meeting dated 19.11.2024 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-A6**

- xi. Thereafter, the State Information Commission has engaged the services of web designers and developers from NIC, and the said web designers and developers have started working on developing the RTI portal for the State of Andhra Pradesh in terms of the order passed by this Hon'ble Court.
8. It is therefore humbly submitted that the Government of Andhra Pradesh is taking necessary steps to abide by the directions of this Hon'ble Court and set up and operationalise the RTI web portal in terms of the order passed by this Hon'ble Court.

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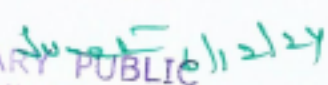
9. It is therefore submitted that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has every intention of complying with the order of this Hon'ble Court, and the delay in this regard has occurred for reasons beyond the control of the Deponent and the same is neither wilful, nor deliberate. The Deponent once again tenders an unconditional apology to this Hon'ble Court.

10. In the premises mentioned above, it is therefore humbly submitted that the Deponent is taking steps in compliance of the order dated 20.03.2023 passed by this Hon'ble Court and it is humbly prayed that the Hon'ble Court may be pleased to grant 3 months' further time to enable the Government of Andhra Pradesh to comply with the order dated 20.03.2023 passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. (C) No.1040 of 2019, and pass any such order(s) as it deems fit in the interest of justice .




DEPONENT
Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
(GPM&AR) **FAC**
General Administration Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi
Guntur District-522 238.

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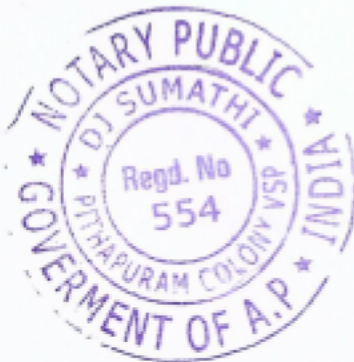
VERIFICATION

I, the deponent name above, do hereby verify that the contents of my affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, no part of it is false nor anything material has been concealed there from.

Verified at Visakhapatnam on this the 6th day of December, 2024.

**DEPONENT**

Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
(GPM&AR) *FAC*
General Administration Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi
Guntur District-522 238.



D.J. SUMATHI, M.A., B.L.
ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC

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NOTARY PUBLIC *6/12/24*
VISAKHAPATNAM
ANDHRA PRADESH
INDIA



From
Sri R.Mahaboob Basha,
State Chief Information Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh.

E Receipt No:
Date: 13-12-2023
Section:
Signature:

To
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
General Administration (GPM & AR) Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

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Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018., dated. 11.12.2023.

Sir,

Sub : APIC – **Implementation and complying to the Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India** in order dated.09.10.2023 on the W.P (C) No.360 of 2021 titled Kishan Chand Jain Vs UOI – and WP (PIL) No.191/2023 titled G Srikanth Vs The State of Andhra Pradesh and 2 others – Sanction of an amount of **Rs. 2,51,02,582/-** - Release of funds under **Abstract Contingency Bill** – Request – Reg.

Ref :

1. Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018., dated.19-06-2023 of this office addressed to the State Informatics Officer, NIC, NTR District.
2. E-mail reply of NIC.NTR District, dated.11-07-2023.
3. Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated.09.10.2023 on the W.P (C) No.360 of 2021 titled Kishan Chand Jain Vs UOI case.
4. Notice of Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in WP (PIL) No.191/2023 titled G Srikanth Vs The State of Andhra Pradesh and 2 others.
5. D.O.No.13/3/2023-IR-I, dated.07-11-2023 of the Joint Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

- 1) Your kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited, wherein vide ref.1st cited this commission has sent a letter to the State Informatics Officer, NIC, NTR District, pioneering to revamp its website, empowering it with the advanced e-filing features for the optimal implementation of the RTI Act-2005.
- 2) Consequently, the NIC, NTR District in its reply letter vide reference 2nd cited has quoted an amount of **Rs.73,02,582/-** for development of the RTI web portal for the APIC, Mangalagiri as per the specifications mentioned in the ref.1st cited.
- 3) At a later stage of the above correspondence, vide reference 3rd cited, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, while setting the specific timelines, directed all the Information Commissions of the nation to implement the following.

The key directions of the said order are as follows :

Para No. of the Order	Directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India	Action pertains to	Timeline for compliance
23	Accordingly, we direct that all SICs across the country must provide hybrid modes of hearing to all litigants for the hearing of complaints as well as appeals.	All SICs	By 31 December 2023
	All SICs must provide an option for availing of a hybrid mode of hearing which shall be at the discretion of the applicant, or as the case may be, the appellant.		
	The links of availing of the option must be stipulated in the daily cause list of the Information Commissions across the country. This shall be operationalized no later than by 31 December 2023.		

24	We direct that all SICs must ensure that e-filing of complaints and appeals is provided in a streamlined manner to every litigant.	All SICs	By 31 December 2023
24	Steps should also be taken having regard to the provisions of Section 26 of the RTI Act to ensure that service is effected on the Public Information Officers through the electronic mode. This shall be implemented by 31 December 2023.	Appropriate Government / All SICs	By 31 December 2023
25	All central and State Ministries shall take steps/ within a period of one month from the date of this order to compile the email addresses of the Central and State Public Information Offices which shall be furnished to the CIC and all the SICs, as the case may be.	All Central and State Ministries	---
26	In order to facilitate the implementation of this order, we direct that	All SICs	---
	I. The Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training shall convene a meeting of all the Central and State Information Commissioners within a period of one month from the date of this order.	CIC & SICs	Within one month from the date of the order
	II. Comprehensive modalities for the implementation of the above directions shall be set up.	All SICs	Within one month from the date of the order
27	All the State Governments shall cooperate in the implementation of the order. The State Governments shall, where funds are required, ensure provision of necessary funds to all the SICs for setting up the infrastructure for conducting virtual hearing.	All the State Government / SICs	---
	The CIC and SICs would be at liberty to avail of the facilities which have been provided by the NIC for setting up the websites on the S3 WAS Platform which provides for ease of access in the electronic mode.	Appropriate Government / All SICs	
** Acronyms : SIC – State Information Commission and CIC – Central Information Commission			

- 4) Further vide, ref.4th cited Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in its WP (PIL) No.191/2023, issued a notice making the State of Andhra Pradesh and two others as respondents regarding the incapacity of the Andhra Pradesh Information Commission in implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble apex court.

S.No.	Product Required	Amount in (Rs.)
1.	Equipment for conducting Virtual / Hybrid Hearings including both Hardware and Software equipment.	1,00,00,000/-
2.	Development of web-portal of APIC for e-filing	73,02,582/-
3.	Personal Computers	25,00,000/-
4.	Scanners & Printers	42,00,000/-
5.	Leased Line Connection with a Band-width of 400 MBPS	10,00,000/-
6.	Routers	1,00,000/-
Grand Total		2,51,02,582/- (Rupees Two Crores Fifty-One Lakhs Two Thousand and Five Hundred and Eighty-Two Only)

- 5) Further, vide ref.5th cited, the Joint Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions also directed the APIC, Mangalagiri to implement the directions pronounced by the Hon'ble apex court in its judgment vide ref.3rd cited and also directed to file a compliance report regarding its implementation.
- 6) In connection to the above, with obedience to the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated.09.10.2023 on the W.P (C) No.360 of 2021 titled Kishan Chand Jain Vs UOI and notice issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in WP (PIL) No.191/2023 titled G Srikanth Vs The State of Andhra Pradesh and 2 others, I solicit your kind cooperation for sanction of an amount of **Rs. 2,51,02,582/- (Rupees Two Crores Fifty-One Lakhs Two Thousand and Five Hundred and Eighty-Two)** towards the **Abstract Contingency Bill** in favor of AP Information commission, to comply to the directions of the apex court with in the stipulated timeline.

Adhering to the gravity of the situation and to avoid the eleventh-hour rush, an early and swift action is kindly solicited in this matter.



State Chief Information Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh.

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MOST IMMEDIATEGOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AR) DEPARTMENTLetter.No.2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-1Dated.20.12.2023

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government (GPM&AR)
General Administration Department,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velagapudi

To
The Secretary,
A.P. Information Commission,
1st Floor, MGM Capital, Chinnakakani,
Mangalagiri,
Andhra Pradesh.

Sir,

Sub:- G.A(AR) Dept., - Implementation of Orders of Honourable Supreme Court of India in W.P. (Civil) No.360 of 2021, Writ Petition (Civil) No.1040 of 2019 & Writ Petition (Civil) No 1325 of 2020 - Detailed Proposal - Called for - Reg

Ref:- 1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dt.20.03.2023 in W.P(C) No. 1040 of 2019 with W.P(C) No. 1325 of 2020.
2. Honourable Supreme Court of India order dated.09.10.2023 in the W.P(C) No.360 of 2021.
3. From the SCIC, APIC Lr.No. 786/APIC/IT/2018, Dated: 24.11.2023
4. Notice of Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P(PIL) No.191 of 2023.
5. From the SCIC, APIC, Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018, Dated.11.12.2023.

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I am to invite attention to the references cited.

2. In the context of the Court cases received at references 1st, 2nd and 4th cited regarding the deliverables being website and videoconferencing facility, only the estimate of Rs.73,02,582/- for website proposed in the State Information Commission(SIC), Andhra Pradesh in the letter dated.24.11.2023 can be considered for sanction as it is detailed and provided by NIC. Whereas, the estimate of Rs.2,51,02,582/- proposed in the SIC letter dated.11.12.2023 by including another 5 hardware items is not given in detail and NIC was not involved.

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3. It is requested to route those requirements along with specifications and estimates also through NIC for taking further action in the matter.

4. The matter may be finalised urgently.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Special Chief Secretary to Government (GPM&AR)

Copy to:

The State Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre,
3rd Floor, R&B Building, Vijayawada, NTR District - 520010. (w.e.)

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AR) DEPARTMENT

Letter.No.2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-2Dated.20.12.2023

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government (GPM&AR)
General Administration Department,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velagapudi.

To
The State Informatics Officer,
National Informatics Centre,
3rd Floor, R&B Building,
Vijayawada, NTR District - 520010.(w.e.)

Sir,

Sub:- G.A(AR) Dept., - Implementation of Orders of Honourable Supreme Court of India in W.P. (Civil) No.360 of 2021, Writ Petition (Civil) No.1040 of 2019 & Writ Petition (Civil) No 1325 of 2020 - Detailed Proposal - Reg

Ref:- 1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dt.20.03.2023 in W.P(C) No. 1040 of 2019 with W.P(C) No. 1325 of 2020.
2. Honourable Supreme Court of India order dated.09.10.2023 in the W.P(C) No.360 of 2021.
3. From the SCIC, APIC Lr.No. 786/APIC/IT/2018, Dated: 24.11.2023
4. From the SCIC, APIC, Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018, Dated.11.12.2023.

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I am to invite attention to the references cited.

2. In the context of the Court cases received at references 1st and 2nd cited above, the deliverables being website and videoconferencing facility, the State Information Commission (SIC), Andhra Pradesh in their letter dt.24-11-2023 has given estimate for Rs.73,02,582/- for website after consulting NIC. In the subsequent letter of the SIC dt.11-12-2023 an estimate of Rs.2,51,02,582/- is given by including 5 more hardware items. However, the estimate for the other 5 hardware items is not given in detail and NIC was not involved.

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3. Therefore, it is requested to examine the requirements, specifications and estimates in consultation with A.P. Information Commission and then finalise the estimates urgently.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
Special Chief Secretary to Government (GPM&AR)

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The Secretary,
A.P. Information Commission,
1st Floor, MGM Capital, Chinnakakani,
Mangalagiri,
Andhra Pradesh.

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ANNEXURE-A4

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Government of India
National Informatics Centre
Andhra Pradesh State Centre
Vijayawada

Lr No. NIC-APSC/SIO/2019/117

Dated: 02.01.2024

From
The State Informatics Officer,
National Informatics Centre,
3rd Floor, R&B Building,
Vijayawada, NTR District – 520010.

E Receipt No: 8364084
Date: 04-01-2024
Section: AR
Signature:

To
The Deputy Secretary to Government,
General Administration Department (GPM& AR)
A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi,

Sir,

Sub: VC equipment specifications for SIC AP.

Ref: 1. Letter.No.2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-24 Dated.29.12.2023 from GAD, AP.
2. Letter.No. 786/APIC/IT/2023 Dated.22.12.2023 from APIC.
3. Letter.No. 2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-2 Dated.20.12.2023 from GAD, AP

With reference to your letters cited above, technical team NIC AP visited APIC and discussed in detail with the the CIC and other higher officials about their requirements of Hybrid VC Studio Setup, Hardware and Software systems. The team has thoroughly examined the requirements, specifications and estimates submitted as per the letters cited above. The observations and recommendations of the specifications, estimates are given in the below mentioned table.

Sl No	Product Required	Amount in(Rs.) Proposed by APIC	Proposed Estimates by NIC in Rs	Remarks
1	Equipment for conducting Virtual / Hybrid hearings including both Hardware and Software equipment.	1,00,00,000	65,00,000	Refer Annexure - A
2	Development of web-portal of APIC for e-filing	73,02,582	73,02,582	Refer Annexure – B (NIC Proposal submitted)
3	Personal Computers	25,00,000	9,00,000	Refer Annexure – C
4	Scanners and Printers	42,00,000	6,36,000	Refer Annexure – D
5	Leased Line Connection with a Bandwidth of 400 MBPS	10,00,000	11,00,000	Refer Annexure – E
6	Routers	1,00,000	2,50,000	Refer Annexure – F
7	Miscellaneous(Mics/Camers/System Softwares etc)		20,00,000	
Grand Total		2,51,02,582	1,86,88,582	

It is proposed to initiate the Hybrid Video Conferencing Unit setup with the Basic Configurations and specifications as mentioned in the annexures. Further hardware items may be procured as per the real time need basis for which separate budget under Miscellaneous head is also incorporated in the above estimates.

It is recommended to procure the hardware items mentioned in the annexures through GeM.

Thanks,

Yours faithfully,

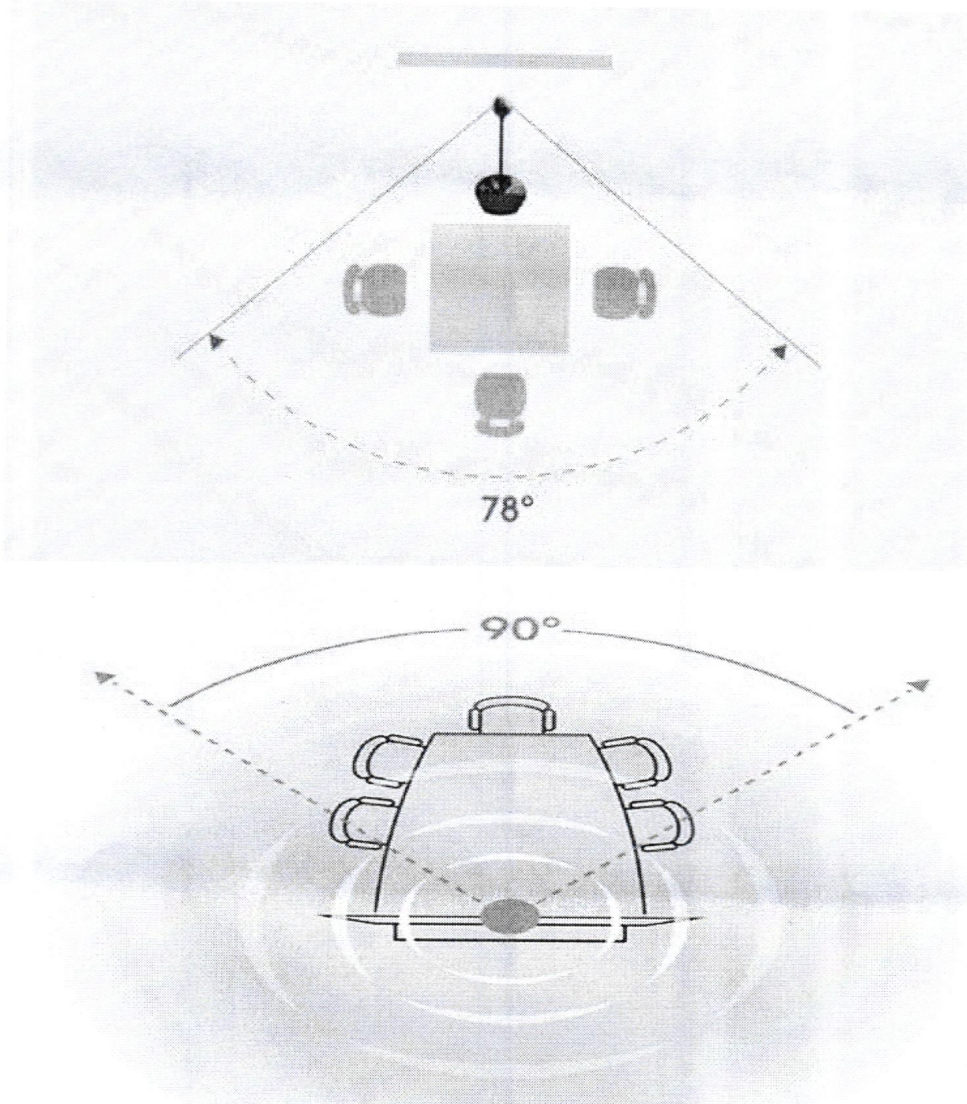
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State Informatics Officer

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Andhra Pradesh State Centre
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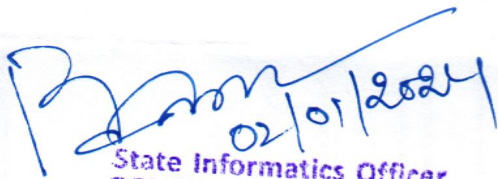
Annexure –A
Hybrid Video Conferencing Unit Specifications – Basic Model

Desktop Video Conferencing Solution for 15 feet/15 feet Desktop with /i5/12th Gen/16GB RAM/512GB/Digital Signal Processor/Controller/Win 11/MS Teams Business Basic 3 Years Software Licence/BCC 950-Speaker and Mic in Built/40-42 inch Smart Display/3 Years Warranty/Online Support.



Remarks : NIC proposes a basic hybrid VC setup at each Commissioner chamber. It is the existing hybrid VC model at High Court, AP. However, it could be upgradeable by adding necessary hardware items like Mics, Cameras etc., as per the need arises.

Description	Unit Cost in Rs	Total Requirement	Total price in Rs
Approximate Cost for each Hybrid VC Studio	6,50,000/- (inclusive of GST)	10	65,00,000/-


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Annexure –C

Personal Computers Specifications

- Processor: 12th Generation Intel Core i5 (2.40 GHz to 5,10 GHz)/AMD equivalent, 16 cores, 24/32threads.
- Storage Capacity: 1TB to 2TB. RAM: 16 GB or more.
- Graphics: 8 GB OF VRAM or equivalent.
- Operating System: Windows 11 Pro or equivalent.
- Security: Trusted Platform Module (TPM) 2.0 Smart USB Protection. Self-healing BIOS.
- Audio: Realtek.
- Monitor: 24 inch Resolution: 1920 X 1080.
- Network : Ethernet, WIFI.
- Green certification: Energy star 8.0/ROHS Complaint.
- OS Recovery Media & Drivers: DVD.
- Warranty: 3 years.

Description	Unit Cost in Rs	Total Requirement	Total price in Rs
Desktop system with i5/AMD equivalent	75,000/- (inclusive of GST)	12	9,00,000/-

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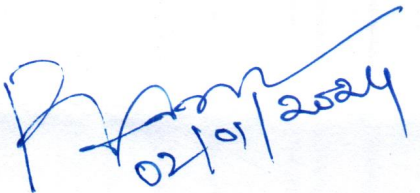
Scanners & Printers

Scanner Specs

1	Scanner Type	Sheet Feed
2	Scanner Speed	40PPM/80PPM Or Higher
3	Single pass Duplex scan	Yes
4	Scan Technology	CIS/CCD
5	Daily Recommended Volume	5000 Pages Per day
6	Scan Resoluiton	Optical : Upto 600Dpi
7	ADF Capcity	50 Sheets or Higher
8	Memory	256MB Or Higher
9	OutPut Format	PDF,JPEG, PNG, BMP, TIFF, TEX(.txt),Rich Text(rtf) and searchable Pdf
10	Operating System	Win10,Win8,Win7, Mac 10.15
15	Warranty	Minimum One Year

Printer Specs

Technology	Laserjet B/W
Features	Print
Print Speed	Min 34 PPM Speed Or Higher
Duplex	Yes
Print Resolution	Min 600X600 dpi

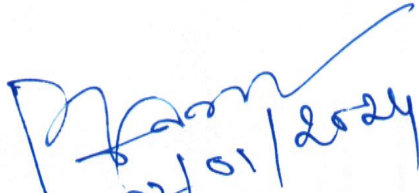

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Paper Size	A4, LTR, Legal
Duty Cycle (A4) Montly	15000 pages or above
RAM	32MB or Higher
Processor Speed	600MHZ
Interfaces	USB 2.0
Intput Tray	Min. 250 Sheets or Higher
Ouput Tray	Min. 100 Sheets or Higher
OS Support	Windows and MAC
Cartridge	Should be supplied with Integrated or Separated drum & Toner with minimum 2500 pages or more Yield.
Accessories	With required accessories, connecting cables and driver media, power cables should be supplied
Warranty	1 Year onsite warranty.

Description	Unit Cost in Rs (inclusive of GST)	Total Requirement	Total price in Rs
Scanner	15,000	12	1,80,000
Printer	38,000	12	4,56,000
		Total Cost	6,36,000

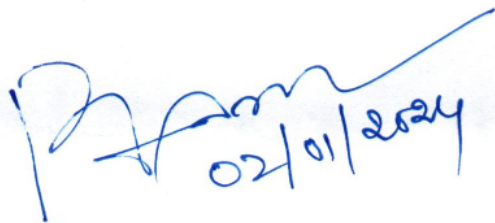

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Annexure –E

Description	Unit Cost in Rs (inclusive of GST)	Total Requirement	Total price in Rs
400 Mbps iLL (Internet leased Line Connectivity) from BSNL	-	1	11,00,000


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Annexure –F

Description	Unit Cost in Rs (inclusive of GST)	Total Requirement	Total price in Rs
Router	2,50,000	1	2,50,000

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AR) DEPARTMENTLetter.No.2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-5Dated.05.02.2024

From

The Special Chief Secretary to Government (GPM&AR)
General Administration Department,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velagapudi.

To

The Secretary,
A.P. Information Commission,
1st Floor, MGM Capital, Chinnakakani,
Mangalagiri,
Andhra Pradesh.(w.e.)

Sir,

Sub:- G.A(AR) Dept., - Implementation of Orders of Honourable Supreme Court of India in W.P. (Civil) No.360 of 2021, Writ Petition (Civil) No.1040 of 2019 & Writ Petition (Civil) No 1325 of 2020 - Interim order of Honourable High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P(PIL) No.191 of 2023. - Detailed Proposal - Called for - Reminder - Reg.

- Ref:- 1. From the SCIC, APIC, Lr.No.786/APIC/IT/2018, Dated.11.12.2023
2. Letter.No.2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-1, G.A(AR) Dept.,
Dated.20.12.2023.
3. Letter.No.2298711/GAD/AR/A2/2023-3, G.A(AR) Dept.,
Dated.29.12.2023
4. From the State Informatics Officer (SIO), National Informatics Centre (NIC), Vijayawada Lr.No.NIC -APSC/SIO/2019/117, Dated:02.01.2024

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I am to invite attention to the references cited and to inform that in the reference 2nd and 3rd cited, it was requested to route those requirements along with specifications and estimates of Rs.2,51,02,582/- proposed in the reference 1st cited through National Informatics Centre (NIC) for taking further action in the matter, Since the estimates were not given in detail and NIC was not involved and the reply is awaited.

2. It is also to inform that in the reference 4th cited, (copy enclosed) the State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC, Vijayawada has informed the Government that technical team, NIC, AP visited APIC and discussed in detail with the CIC and other higher officials about the requirements of Hybrid VC Studio Setup, Hardware and Software systems. He has submitted estimates for Rs.1,86,88,852/-.

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3. Therefore, it is requested to furnish the reply to the reference 2nd cited keeping in view the estimates furnished by the State Informatics Officer, NIC, Vijayawada in the reference 4th cited and also indicating the Head of Account under which funds are required, at the earliest for taking further necessary action in the matter.

4. This shall be treated as MOST URGENT.

Yours faithfully,

for Special Chief Secretary to Government (GPM&AR)

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Minutes of Meeting**Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission (APSIC) Video Conference (VC) Solution - 19.11.2024 at 11.30 AM****Participants:**

1. Sri. SR. Mahaboob Basha, Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), APSIC;
2. Sri. N Yuvaraj, IAS, Secretary, Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (ITE&C) Department;
3. Sri. B Sundar, IFS, Special Secretary, IT,E&C Department (SSIT);
4. Sri. Saibaba, Deputy Secretary, General Administration [G.A.] (AR) Department;
5. Sri. D Venkatachalam, Director (Communications), IT,E&C Department;
6. Sri. S. Madhusudhana Rao, Scientist-F, National Informatics Center (NIC)

1. The Director (Communications), IT,E&C Department briefed the background on Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission (APSIC) hybrid Video Conference Solution. The Honorable Supreme Court of India mandated that a Video conference (VC) solution should be implemented in APSIC. The financial estimates were prepared by the APSIC and National Informatics Center (NIC). The estimates were referred to the ITE&C department in view of the substantial focus of the project on information technologies, costing, and components of capacity building. The IT,E&C Department undertook a physical survey of the APSIC buildings comprehensively and prepared the financial estimates for the network, active-, and passive electrical work components, neatly parsed into capital and revenue expenditures. The abstract follows in this table:

#	Product Required	Proposed Estimates by APSIC in Rs.	Proposed Estimates by NIC in Rs.	IT,E&C Dept., Estimation	
				CAPEX	OPEX (for 3 Years)
1	Equipment for conducting Virtual/Hybrid Hearings including both Hardware and Software equipment	1,00,00,000	65,00,000	43,00,000	
2	Development of web portal of APSIC for e-filing	73,02,582	73,02,582		
3	Personal Computers	25,00,000	9,00,000	9,00,000	
4	Scanners and Printers	42,00,000	6,36,000	6,36,000	
5	Leased Line Connection with a bandwidth of 400 MBPS	10,00,000	11,00,000		33,00,000
6	Routers	1,00,000	2,50,000		45,00,000
7	Miscellaneous (Mics/Cameras/Systems Software etc)	--	20,00,000	10,00,000	
8	Network - Passive items			4,74,626	

9	Network - Active items			27,37,462	
10	Electrical - Items			25,42,900	
	Total			1,25,90,987	78,00,000
	Grand Total	2,51,02,582	1,86,88,582	2,03,90,987	

2. The web portal and its financial implications, which was incidentally covered by the NIC were not included in the proposal of IT,E&C department. On the other hand, the NIC's proposal gave the network, and electrical components short shrift.
3. The Secretary, IT,E&C Department informed that the necessary support will be provided by the IT,E&C Department for implementing the APSIC VC solution and the e-file will be circulated for approval, incorporating the charges of Rs. 73,02,582/-for developing the web portal, for an estimated cost of Rs.2,76,93,569/-.
4. The Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), APSIC informed that "*... the Honorable Supreme Court directed that all the State Information Commissioners (SICs) to implement the hybrid VC. The other states viz Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Bihar have already implemented the Honorable Supreme Court orders, however, in Andhra Pradesh the same is yet to be implemented*".
5. The CIC has informed that the proposed solution will be very useful for the Government employees as it will save time and money to attend the meetings/hearings with APSIC. The APSIC desires to implement the solution in all the chambers of APSIC including 10 SICs. Further, CIC informed that the solution is to be extended for First Appellate Authorities (FFAs) and Public Information Officers (PIOs).
6. The CIC raised the current issues faced with the APSIC website and vulnerabilities identified by AP Technology Services (APTS). As of now in the website, basic functionalities like uploads and downloads of documents are also not possible.
7. The Director (Communications), IT,E&C Department informed that "*... the solution and estimates proposed by the IT,E&C Department are comprehensive and all SICs in the APSIC are covered in the proposed room-based VC solution and FFAs and PIOs can connect to the APSIC VC solution through any internet connection via a Desktop/laptop/mobile and there is no need to install any room-based VC equipment at their end*".
8. The NIC representative informed that "*...the NIC will support APSIC in putting their VC solution into production. The web portal developed by NIC is on the new platform and NIC requires data being used in the current website to be uploaded to the NIC developed portal*".
9. The SSIT informed that there are two issues faced by the APSIC: one, the revamping of the existing website which was earlier handled by the Center for Good Governance, Government of Telangana; and two: to maintain some basic functionalities on the present website till the revamp is effected. The CIC had earlier explained the latter problem with SSIT and MD, APTS. The APTS and the MeitY team had identified several vulnerabilities including "Clickjacking" (*an attack that tricks a user into clicking a webpage element which is invisible or disguised as another element*). The APTS team investigated the technical stack of the APSIC website and reported that the back-end used a legacy version of Java and

several other legacy artifacts, which was difficult to replace given the resources constraint. The SSIT further informed that the APSIC website must be migrated to the AP State Data Center (APSDC) *post* submission of application Security audit certificate. Required Storage Area Network (SAN) storage will be allocated at APSDC.

10. Subsequently, the NIC developed web portal will be put into production in the place of current portal. With this implementation, the vulnerability issue will also be resolved.

11. In conclusion:

- a. eFile will be circulated to GA Department with recommendation to consider including the development of web portal by NIC at Rs.73,02,582/-.
- b. IT,E&C PMU and APTS will coordinate and resolve the vulnerabilities in APSIC website.
- c. NIC shall complete the APSIC new web portal duly migrating data from the current website.
- d. Instructions will be issued to APTS to do the preparatory work and issue bids for the Bill of Material (BoM) and estimates, as approved by the Finance Department for APSIC Video conference (VC) proposal.

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Secretary to Govt., ITE&C Dept.,

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