



ABSTRACT

Information Technology Department - Mandatory installation of BOSS Operating System (an Open Source Operating System developed by C-DAC) in all the Computer Systems and should be used by Staff Members of Information Technology Department – Orders – Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (OP) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.15

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From Thiru.Debashis Dutta, Scientist G&GC (R&D of IT), Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India, New Delhi-3 D.O.Letter No.5(8) 2007-FOSS, dated 22.07.2011.

ORDER :

The Government of India has introduced an ICT Policy which advocates implementing open-source software alternatives to buying proprietary software applications in all Government departments, towards promoting Open Source Software. The Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India, have informed about the features of BOSS (Bharat Operating System Solutions) Operating System and requested to adopt it in the State Government Departments, particularly in Information Technology Department. The stand of the Government of Tamil Nadu is that Governments Departments shall as far as possible adopts only Open Source software products.

2) Bharat Operating System Solutions (BOSS) is a free and open source computer operating system developed by the National Resource Centre for Free/Open Source Software (NRCFOSS) of India. This operating system is based on Linux and it is a Free and Open Source Software. The software has also been endorsed by the Government of India for adoption and implementation on a national scale. BOSS GNU/Linux Desktop is available in almost all the Indian Languages including Tamil.

3) The Information Technology Department, the technology arm of the Government of Tamil Nadu, strives to adhere to the best practices brought by the Government of India in promoting and implementing open source applications in all Government offices.

4) On the path to shift all its operations from the proprietary and cost-burdened Operating Systems, Information Technology Department has decided to implement the BOSS Operating System in all the Systems of the Department. The staff members have been instructed to mandatorily use the BOSS Operating System in all their official work, i.e. typing, printing, mailing, etc. from 14th November, 2011. However, they can change the formats of their existing files to the Open Source Application formats, i.e. Open Office during file modifications.

5) It is also recommended that all the Departments of Secretariat may install BOSS Operating System in their systems. The Joint Director, Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Chennai-113 is requested to render the necessary assistance in the installation of the BOSS Operating System for all the Departments of Secretariat in co-ordination with Information Technology Department.

(By order of the Governor)

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