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NOTICE

Sub: Policy on Adoption of Open Source Software-Reg.

The CRC has been receiving requests from Departments/Divisions for installing proprietary software viz., MS office, CorelDraw, Photoshop etc., in their computers. CRC does not have any license for above said proprietary software. Hence, as per the Policy Guidelines of Ministry of Information Technology, GOI (copy enclosed) Departments/Divisions may use Open Source Software in place of proprietary software as Open source software does not require any license.

As CRC does not have license for any software mentioned above CRC may provide the equivalent open source software available for free on Internet.

However, if Department/Division users are facing difficulties in using open source software and it is hampering the day-to-day office work then as per the **Exception clause 7** of above said policy, with a sufficient justification Department/Division may consider exceptions and purchase proprietary software.

CRC may provide technical support in installing the software whether it is Open Source software or the proprietary software arranged by the concerned Department/Division.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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3. Policy Statement

Government of India shall endeavour to adopt Open Source Software in all e-Governance systems implemented by various Government organizations, as a preferred option in comparison to Closed Source Software (CSS).

The Open Source Software shall have the following characteristics:

- 3.1 The source code shall be available for the community / adopter / end-user to study and modify the software and to redistribute copies of either the original or modified software.
- 3.2 Source code shall be free from any royalty.

4. Nature of Compliance

Mandatory

5. Applicability

The policy shall be applicable to all Government Organisations under the Central Governments and those State Governments that choose to adopt this policy for the following categories of e-Governance systems:

- All new e-Governance applications and systems being considered for implementation.
- New versions of the legacy and existing systems.

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6. How to comply

All Government Organizations, while implementing e-Governance applications and systems must include a specific requirement in Request for Proposal (RFP) for all suppliers to consider OSS along with CSS while responding. Suppliers shall provide justification for exclusion of OSS in their response, as the case may be. Government Organizations shall ensure compliance with this requirement and decide by comparing both OSS and CSS options with respect to capability, strategic control, scalability, security, life-time costs and support requirements.

7. Exception

Govt shall endeavour to adopt Open Source Software in all e-Governance applications and systems implemented by Government Organizations. However, in certain specialised domains where OSS solutions meeting essential functional requirements may not be available or in case of urgent / strategic need to deploy CSS based solutions or lack of expertise (skill set) in identified technologies, the concerned Government Organization may consider exceptions, with sufficient justification.

For complete policy pl. refer http://meity.gov.in/writereaddata/files/policy_on_adoption_of_oss.pdf