ORDER:

The Government appointed APTS Ltd. as centralized agency for procurement & consultancy in IT related services for all the departments vide GO 3rd read above. As per the Memorandum & Articles of Association of APTSL, and as per the G.O fifth cited APTS was established with a mandate (i) To provide Consultancy to Government Departments and corporations in the purchase computer hardware (ii) To provide consultancy to upgrade the computer and other electronic systems (iii) Maintenance of hardware (iv) Development of Software and other IT services etc.

2. Vide GO 2nd read above, the Government permitted the departments to procure IT Products or services directly, without consulting APTS. The G.O enabled Departments to directly purchase by constituting the departmental Procurement committees. As per this policy the respective Departments can do procurement. However, it is observed that departments are engaging APTS even for procuring single tab, mouse etc which can be done by the department itself. This resulted in sub-optimal utilization of the technical resources of APTS.

3. Earlier, APTS has done several successful software development projects. The fact that APTS has best domain knowledge of the working of various departments
will certainly place it in an advantageous position for taking up software development / System Integration projects.

4. While the APTS shall not totally abandon procurement of hardware for other departments, it is indeed imperative that the original mandate of APTS is revived so that it can also compete successfully in tenders of various governments other than in AP State.

5. Furthermore, it is seen that the world is seeing an explosion of IOT devices, which in combination with enabling software will form an integral part of the next industrial revolution. New technologies have already improved service standards in many departments such as civil supplies and pensions. Under such circumstances, APTS should become an important agent for introducing innovations and new technology in the government.

6. In view of the above, the Government after careful examination, hereby issues the following order re-defining the role of APTS.

7. APTS functions will henceforth include, but not limited to the following :-

7.1. Providing Consultancy Services
   7.1.1. Project Development (Conceptualization, Scoping, Architecture, Design and Preparation of Bid Documents)
   7.1.2. Preparation of Feasibility Reports & DPRs for eGov Projects
   7.1.3. Bid Process Management for eGov Projects
   7.1.4. Project Management, Establishing PMUs
   7.1.5. Information Security Planning (ISMS)
   7.1.6. Business Process Re-engineering (BPR)

7.2. Audits & Appraisals
   7.2.1. 3rd Party Audit of completed eGov Projects (Functional)
   7.2.2. 3rd Party Audit of completed eGov Projects (Information Security)

7.3. Turn-key Projects
   7.3.1. Implementing e-Governance Projects as a System Integrator in AP, to be entrusted by the Competent Authority, based on the value proposition to be made by APTS.
   7.3.2. Competing for System Integration Projects in other States

7.4. Capacity Building for Government Employees

7.5. High-value Procurements
   7.5.1. Procuring Hardware, Software and Networking Products and services where the value of procurement in each case
exceeds Rs 50 lakhs. However, in case of devices newly introduced in the market, APTS may procure through tender, even if the amount is less than Rs.50.00 Lakhs.

7.5.2. Establishing Rate Contracts for commonly procured IT hardware, software and devices to enable the departments to procure the same directly.

7.6. Partnerships

7.6.1. Establishing JVs and SPVs with technology companies including start ups with the objectives of introducing new and innovative Technologies in Government to improve efficiency, transparency and cost-effectiveness.

8. In undertaking the above functions, APTS will be guided by the twin objectives of Financial viability of the organization and customer satisfaction and will function as a professional organization.

9. These orders will come into force with immediate effect.

(BYORDERAND INTHE_NAME_OF GOVERNOROF ANDHRAPRADESH)

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