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| (എ) സർക്കാർ പ്രസ്സുകളുടെ ആധുനിക്ക് കരണത്തിനായുളള ആറ്റകോടി ത്രപയുടെ പദ്ധതിയിൽ ഇതുവരെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള പുരോഗതി വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ; സർക്കാർ പ്രസ്സുകളുടെ നവീകരണത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പഠിച്ച ഡോ. രാജേന്ദ്രൻ ആനയത്ത് കമ്മിറ്റ് റിപ്പോർട്ടിലെ ശിപാർശകൾ സർക്കാർ നടപ്പിലാക്കിത്തുടങ്ങിയോ എന്നറിയിക്കാമോ; (ബി) ഈ കമ്മിറ്റി റിപ്പോർട്ട് നടപ്പാക്കാൻ കിഫ്ബി വഴി ഇക നീക്കി വച്ചിരിന്നോ; കിഫ്ബിയ്ക് ഈ കമ്മിറ്റി റിപ്പോർട്ട് പര്യാപ്തമല്ല എന്ന അഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടോ; സാങ്കേതിക വിവരങ്ങൾ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന വിശദമായ പദ്ധതി രേഖ കിഫ്ബിയ്ക്ക് സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഇല്ലായെങ്കിൽ കാരണം വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ; (സി) അച്ചടി മേഖലയിലെ ആധുനികീ കരണത്തിനായി സ്പെഷ്യൽ പർപ്പസ് വെഹിക്കിൾ ആകാൻ ആരെയാണ് ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത് എന്നറിയി ക്കാമോ; ആയതിന്റെ പുരോഗതി | & കോടി രൂപ, ഡോ. രാജേന്ദ്ര കുമാർ ആനയത്ത് (സി) കമ്മിറ്റി ശിപാർശ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പദ്ധതി പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കായി ചെലവഴിക്കുന്നതിന് തത്വത്തിൽ അനുമതി നൽകി കൊണ്ടും ഡിപിആർ തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതിനും പദ്ധതി നടത്തിപ്പിനുള്ള സ്പെഷ്യൽ പർപ്പസ് |

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Thiruvanathapuram

The committee visited Mananthala Govt. Press. This Unit, which is an old one, can be developed into a state-of-the-art Printing press unit with all modern facilities.

The process of renovation must start with the disposal of all old machines from the current unit except the web offset machine. A new 4 colour offset printing machine has to be installed along with Pre Press and Post Press units. We recommend that this unit should be totally restructured and treated as a new entry.

We strongly recommend a thorough screening in recruiting the manpower. From the existing work force, only those who are below 40 should be absorbed into the new unit, if they are willing. The recruitment of the work force may be conducted by an expert team for which we mainly extend support, if required.

We can help the government in recommending the procument of the latest and state-of-the-art machinery; and all the machine operators will get the expert training from the OEM. The modernization of the unit will enable it to carry out all printing works pertaining to the government at a faster pace. A detailed plant lay out and machinery details are attached separately.

Eranakulum

Eranakulam is located in the central part of sense the State, which facilitates easy transport to other parts of the state. We see a huge potential in undertaking note book printing here, which can tap the high demand for notebooks at the start of each academic year. Therefore, we recommend an exclusive Note Book printing unit at Govt. Press, Eranakulam.

In addition to the existing facilities, we recommend a few more post press units, which will definitely increase the productivity. We also recommend considering this unit as a new entity. The same procedure of recruitment of man as in Thiruvananthapuram may be followed here too. The decision details of technical requirements can be worked out as and when required.

Kozhikode

For Kozhikode, we recommend a flexographic printing unit. The present jail press can be modified for this purpose. Currently, flexographic printing has immense scope. Food packaging industry forms a major customer for flexographic printed products. Like other projects, we recommend to consider this unit also as a new entity. Depending on the decision technical requirements can be provided later.

Shoranur

In Shoranur, we recommend to convert the Govt. Press in Shoranur into a Training Centre as it will immensely help in updating existing staff with the latest developments in technology. The conversion demands the disposal of all old machineries from the press. We noted that there are a few machines that are of vintage kind, which, after proper cleaning, must be displayed in a museum for the future generation to see. Already a proposal is placed before the Government for setting up of a Print Museum at Shoranur. Government should consider this proposal with due seriousness, as this is a very relevant and far-sighted concept as far as preserving articles related to printing industry for future generation is concerned and it will be a real boon to future print students and print lovers.

Kerala Books and Publications Society (KBPS)

Kerala Books and Publications Society (KBPS) is one of the better-functioning institutions owned by Govt. of Kerala in printing sector. The main problem we observed with KBPS is that it is too overloaded with the task of printing text books, especially during the start of the academic year.

All textbooks are being printed from here, which results in heavy workload and consequent delay in the delivery of textbooks to all schools in Kerala. Our recommendation to Government is to print the text books of all subjects terminate, the textbook of a particular subject can be printed for quarterly exams, that yearly exam and then for the final exam. Various subjects can be clubbed into one single text so that carrying different text books can be avoided. This will considerably relieve the burden of children who are carrying heavy school bags. As tar as KBPS is concerned, their work load during the months of April and May

can be thus reduced and the work could be distributed in a balanced manner all through the year.

Waste Disposal

One disturbing factor we observed during our visit to various Govt. Presses is that the way waste/obsolete materials are handled. We have seen a heap of unwanted materials and obsolete machineries are lying in and around the premises. We even found printed materials as old as 5 years strewn carelessly around the operational area. We suggest to shift the obsolete and the vintage machineries to the proposed print museum for display. All other unwanted materials should be collected and disposed of by giving a tender. The tender contract may be awarded for a minimum period of one year with the condition that the waste must be cleared twice a month. Concerned department needs to be instructed to keep the waste sorted according to quality. Raising bills and insisting timely payment will help in preventing accumulation of printed materials strewn around.

Outsourcing of printing jobs

It has been noted that many Govt. Presses are outsourcing jobs when some urgent requirement arises this also happens due to the lack of infrastructural facilities. Another significant practice observed here is that many of these jobs are even given to printers from neighbouring states when other commercial printers in the state are capable of doing them. The main reason for outsourcing of jobs is lack of professional planning and infrastructural facilities. Presently, the Printing & Stationery dept. is handling the procurement of raw materials. Usually this department has no in -depth knowledge about the raw materials, their availability and source. Every press should have their own procurement department and inventory system which includes storage facility. This will help in sourcing the best quality materials with competitive prices. This will also help in curtailing surplus stock or unavailability. Modernization of facilities in Thiruvanthapurant Ernakulam, and Kozhikode will enable proper work distribution and ensure time delivery. Along with the infrastructural development, the government should ensure recruiting of experienced professionals.

Printing Hub

During our meeting Hon. Chief Minister of Kerala, who also heading headi

Stationary portfolio, stressed the need for a Government Private Partnership in printing sector. He believes that this will curtail the tendency of outsourcing printing jobs outside the state. We completely agree with respected Chief Minster's view and vision and strongly believe that it will not only be in the financial interests of the Kerala government, it will improve the quality and efficiency of work.

Finally, the Government should set up a panel of experts to look into the Planning & Estimation of all work orders. A centralized planning section with integrated networking among 11 Govt. Presses is proposed. This will help in analyzing each work order and distributing the jobs in a rational way. The empanelled committee looking into the centralized planning should be given free hand to negotiate with private players also to get competitive rates. On a later stage, the committee can standardize the printing rates and put them in the public notice by giving vide media publicity and putting the proposal on the government website..

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