

FAX MESSAGE



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No.43895/K3/2011/H.Edn

Higher Education (K) Department
Thiruvananthapuram

Dated: 07-12-11

From
The Secretary to Government

To

1. The Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram
2. The Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Registrar, University of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram/M.G.University, Kottayam/Sree Sankaracharya
University Sanskrit, Kalady, Ernakulam/Cochin University of Science
and Technology, Kochi/Calicut University, Kozhikode/Kannur
University, Kannur/National University of Advanced Legal Studies,
Ernakulam

Sir,

Sub: Higher Education Department CSS NME – ICT Launching of
AAKASH low cost computing cum Access Device by MHRD
– Requirement of state – reg.

Ref: D.O. letter NME – ICT/AAKASH/2011 dated 23/11/2011
from Sri.N.K. Sinha, Additional Secretary (TEL)
& Mission Director, NME-ICT, Government of India,
MHRD, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi.

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As per the letter cited, Additional Secretary and Mission Director NME
– ICT has informed this department that a low cost computing cum access
device called Aakash was developed and by using this students can access the
educational E- content that is getting created in a massive programme
under NME –ICT for UG and P.G. Course in Humanities, commerce, Science,
Social Science and Engineering etc.

Under NME – ICT during 11th Plan Period, funding of 700 crore is
available for providing 50% subsidy to every University/ Institution/College
for procurement of computing device. He has also informed that the present
delivery cost of Aakash is Rs.2276 per device and institution of Higher
Education can procure by contributing 50% of this cost, as the balance 50%
would be borne by the Government of India under NME –ICT.

