

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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CIRCULAR

In supersession of all earlier Circulars issued by IT Department on the subject, including vide no. F1(43)/2005/IT/2-19 dated 02.01.2007 and vide no. F1(43)/2005/IT/5890/IT/06/4266 dated 07.12.2006, the following is informed:

2. NICNET is a secure network of NIC. NICNET was established to support various e-governance projects, provides a robust communication infrastructure that connects government offices at the central, state, and local levels. It offers a secure and reliable network for data transfer and communication among government departments. It supports wide range of services including web hosting, data storage, application development, facilitating the digitalization of government services. In Delhi, Departments are connected to NICNET either through lease line (MTNL/ Railtel/ PGCIL) or TriB DG (secured broadband connection of MTNL) or through NIC VPN. Its advantage over normal broadband is that it provides a more secure environment for communication, higher reliability and uptime, support large data transfer, video conferencing etc in comparison to broadband networks.

3. It is intimated by NIC, Delhi State Unit that the broadband service provided to Delhi Government Offices since 2006-07 has become obsolete and is scheduled for decommissioning by October 31, 2024, or even earlier, if the infrastructure fails. This service (TriB-DG with secured access to NICNET) is being primarily used by Departments of Govt of NCT of Delhi to access websites such as Payroll, IFMS, File Monitoring System, e-Office etc. which are only accessible through NICNET connectivity.

4. NIC has informed that Departments may in lieu of TriB-DG may now shift to use NIC WebVPN service, which is currently free of cost. However, the same may become a paid service later with an expected approximate cost of around Rs.1000 per user per year as informed by NIC. The main advantage of WebVPN over TriB-DG is as under:

- a) Web VPN allows users to remotely access a private/secure network through a web browser without requiring the installation of any software on the device.



- b) With Web VPN the secured/ private network can be accessed from anywhere i.e. from home, outside office etc.
 - c) When a user connects to a Web VPN, they can access web-based applications, resources and services, just as they would if they were physically connected to a private network. Web VPN typically uses SSL/TLS (Secure Sockets Layer/ Transport Layer Security) encryption to ensure the connection is secure and to protect the confidentiality and integrity of data transmitted over the network.
 - d) The TriB-DG network can only be used from the premises where this facility is taken by Departments through MTNL.
5. To avail this service, following steps have to be taken by Departments:
- a) **Nodal Officer:** Nominate a Nodal Officer in their Department who will approve the single/ bulk request for WebVPN.
 - b) **Individual Request:** These can be raised via eforms.nic.in and must be approved by nominated nodal officer.
 - c) **Bulk Requests:** These requests can be submitted in excel sheet (format attached) and completed form should be forwarded by the nominated departmental Nodal officer through official email address to NIC Delhi WebVPN coordinator at officer14.dlsu-del@nic.in .
6. The Departments are hence requested to complete the WebVPN account creation process at the earliest.
7. This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: as above.


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