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Government of India
Ministry of Communications &
Information Technology
Department of Electronics &
Information Technology (DeitY)

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Dear Dr. Vasanthakumar N,

With the objective to enable effective adoption of Open Source Software, DeitY has formulated the "Policy on Adoption of Open Source Software for Government of India" which will encourage the formal adoption and use of Open Source Software (OSS) in Government Organizations. The policy is available at <https://egovstandards.gov.in/>. This policy was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on July 1, 2015.

As per this policy, 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 Proprietary Software. 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 Proprietary Software based solutions or lack of expertise (skill set) in identified technologies, the concerned Government Organization may consider exceptions, with sufficient justification.

In addition to the policy DeitY has also formulated "Framework on adoption of OSS in e-Governance applications" which provides a set of procedures and recommendations for promoting, managing and adopting OSS as a potential option in e-Governance Systems. It suggests developing a collaborative ecosystem consisting of support services for better understanding and acceptance of the OSS. The framework is available at <https://egovstandards.gov.in/>.

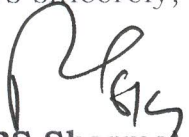
It is seen that some Ministries/Departments are still taking up development on Proprietary Software without exploring Open Source options. This is violation of the pronounced policy of the Government. You may like to issue suitable instructions regarding adopting Open Source in terms of the aforesaid policy in such cases.

Moreover, it is also suggested that applications and databases which were earlier developed on Proprietary Software may also be reviewed for possible migration to open source in terms of this policy.

We shall appreciate a review in this regard in your Ministry and its attached offices and subordinate organisation and a report be sent to this Department by 31.8.2015.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Referred Applications:

- Website for Delhi Government (Dept of Trade & Taxes and Delhi Excise)
- Website for Delhi Jal Board(Revenue Management System)
- Website for Delhi Excise

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