

Ministry of Power
Finance Desk

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To

1. CMD NTPC/PGCIL/NHPC/THDCIL/NEEPCO/SJVN/PFC/REC/DVC/BPCs – PFCCL, RECTPL
2. Chairperson, CEA
3. DG, BEE/NPTI/CPRI

Sir(s)

I am directed to say that the principles of transparency, speed, non-discrimination, competitive price discovery, accountability and security are the hallmarks of any tendering process. The e-procurement and e-RA processes should be viewed from this perspective.

The National E-Governance Plan envisaged e-procurement implementation in mission mode. CVC has been advocating use of e-procurement and vide its order no. 46/9/2003 has accorded permissive sanction for use of e-procurement and e-RA. Further, CVC has also issued guidelines (September 2009) emphasizing security consideration in e-procurement procedure. The Standardization Testing & Quality Certification Directorate (STQC), Deptt. of Information Technology, have also prescribed detailed guidelines for certification of e-procurement platform.

Chapter 6 of GFR lays down the general rules and principles of procurement of goods and services by Govt. agencies. These rules also form the basis of evolution of procurement norms in CPSUs and other quasi-Govt. organizations. Further, the instructions issued by Department of Expenditure (30.11.2011, 30.3.2012 and 9.1.2014) stipulate:

- (i) Mandatory publication of tender inquiries on Central Procurement Portal by CPSUs/ Govt Organisations w.e.f 01.02.2012.
- (ii) Mandatory e-procurement for contracts of the value of Rs. 5 lakh and above. The threshold level to be Rs.2 lakh w.e.f 1.4.2016.
- (iii) E-procurement portal to be Tested and certified by STQC.

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