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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division
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New Delhi.
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: -   Recommendation of Expenditure Management Commission (EMC) – regarding

The Government of India had constituted EMC in September, 2014 to look into various aspects of Expenditure reforms to be undertaken by the Government.   The Committee was headed by Dr. Bimal Jalan, eminent economist and public policy experts.

2.   In this context, it is noted that EMC has recommended following related to Public Procurement.

Recommendation No.75 (December, 2015)

"While e-procurement has some obvious advantages such as savings in time and cost, the concerns relating to security and transparency need to be adequately addressed. ***It is recommended that initiatives towards e-procurement be strengthened and made more robust and that the features of e-procurement portals are duly certified/ audited as per the guidelines of Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DietY).*** *All e-procurement system should be certified by Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) for compliance with DietY Guidelines 31st August, 2011."*

3.   It may be recalled that the instructions were issued to all Ministries/ Departments by Departemnt of Expenditure OM No. 10/3/2012-PPC dated 30.03.2012 that Ministries/ Departments which do not have a large volume of procurement or carry out procurements required only for day to day running of offices and also have not initiated e-procurements through any other solution provider may use the e-procurement solution developed by National Informatics Center (NIC). Ministries/ Departments with large volume of procurement other than of the nature covered as above may either use the e-procurement solution developed by NIC or engage any other service provider following the due process.

4.   In view of all above, it is once agin requested that all Ministries/Departments to certify their e- procurement systems from STQC for compliance with DeitY Guidelines dated 31st August, 2011. It is also requested that all the Ministries/Departmets should also ensure that valid Audit Certificate issued by STQC is displayed on the Home-Page of all e-procurement websites being used by them.

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