



CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No.DGW/MAN/124

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WORKS

NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

DATED 17/6/2005

Subject: : Purchase of computer systems by Govt. Departments/organization.

Chief Engineer (Vig), CPWD has intimated that in a case recently investigated by the Vigilance Unit of CPWD, the CVC has drawn CPWD's attention to the Commission's Circular No. 98/ORD/1 dated 5.5.2003 (contents reproduced below) stating that tenders should not specify brands of computer but only give details of the desired specifications/performance standard etc. CVC has desired that CPWD should see to it that Commission's aforementioned Circular is implemented in the right spirit and without fail.

The Commission's advice has been accepted by the competent authority in the Ministry of Urban Development who has advised that the circular dated 5.5.2003 referred to above, may be circulated to all the field units for strict compliance and without fail.

Accordingly CVC No. 98/ORD/1 dt. 5.5.2003 and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure O.M. 8(4)-E-II(A)/98 dt. 17.12.98 (contents reproduced below) are circulated for strict compliance.

sd/- 17.6.05

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Superintending Engineer(C&M)

No. 98/ORD/1

Government of India

Central Vigilance Commission

Satarkta Bhawan Block 'A', GPO Complex, INA,
New Delhi – 110023 Dated the 5th May 2003

(1) Chief Engineers of all PSUs/PSBs/Insurance Sector/Organisations

(2) All Chief Vigilance Officers.

Sub : Purchase of computer systems by Govt. Departments/organization.

It has come to the notice of the commission that some departments/ organizations are issuing tenders for purchase of computers where they mention and insist on the international brands. This not only encourages the monopolistic practices but also vitiates the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, D/o Expenditure vide its OM No. 8(4)-E.II(A)/98 dt. 17.12.1998 (copy enclosed).

- 2 It is, therefore, advised that departments/organizations may follow the instructions issued by the Department of Expenditure.

(sd/-Anjana Dube)
Deputy Secretary

No. 8(4)-E-II(A)/98

Government of India

Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure)

New Delhi, the 17th December, 1998

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Sub : Purchase of Computer Systems by Government Departments.

The under signed is directed to invite attention to the provisions of GFR 102(1) and the Annexure to the same according to which "Open Tender" system (that is, invitation to tender by public advertisement) should be used as a general rules in all cases in which the estimated value of demand is Rs. 50,000/- and above.

2. It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry by department of Electronics that certain Ministries/Departments etc. issue tenders for purchase of personal computers where they specify the international brands like IBM, Compaq, HP Digital, DELL or Gateway Micron. This vitiates the guidelines for open tender system laid down in GFRs and deprives other brands including domestic manufacturers of an opportunity to participate in the tender. Further department of Electronics has pointed out that brand names do not have any great advantage since at the broad level there is hardly any difference between the competing products because they predominantly use Intel microprocessors.
3. Separately, DGS&D have informed that generalised specifications for personal computer have been finalised and the process of concluding rate contract is being initiated.
4. It is, therefore advised that Ministries/Departments should follow the open tender system without vitiating it by specifying brand names in accordance with the provisions in GFRs for purchase of personal computers till a rate contract for computers is concluded by DGS&D. Thereafter computers could be purchased on rate contract basis.

(Sd/-Narain Das)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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