

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Finance Department – e-Procurement-Acceptance of single bid for Purchases-Clarifications issued.

FINANCE (INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC WORKS - B)) DEPARTMENT

G.O(P)No.153/2016/Fin

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12/10/2016.

Read: 1. G.O (P) No 36/2013/ITD, dated 12.04.2013

G.O (MS) No. 13/2015/ITD, dated 12.05.2015.

3. G.O (P) No.324/2015/Fin, dated 30.07.2015

ORDER

As per Government Order read as first paper above Government have decided to implement e-procurement system to enhance transparency and efficiency in public procurement activities and the threshold limit of e-procurement has been lowered to Rs. 5 lakh vide Government order read as second paper above. In the Government Order read as third paper above Government-issued detailed guidelines on acceptance of single tender/bids for execution of public works.

2) Recently, certain departments, have raised a doubt as to whether the guidelines issued for acceptance of single bid can be made applicable to all public procurement as well. Since all public procurement above the fixed threshold limit are carried out through public procurement portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in it goes without saying that conditions of procurement are applicable to all tenders floated through this system, irrespective of the items to be procured. However it is clarified that the procedure prescribed for the acceptance of single tender for public works vide reference third cited will be equally applicable for all public procurement carried out for Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies, etc. subject to the following modifications.

- (1) The tender notice for the procurement of goods shall prescribe the exact specification of the item to be procured.
- (II) The specification shall be generic in nature and do not conform to a particular product in the market
- (III) The estimate rate shall be prepared after conducting a thorough study on market conditions.
- (IV) The selection of bidders shall be done after obtaining the approval of Departmental Purchase Committees.
- (V) Except the above, relevant conditions prescribed in the Store Purchase Manual will be applicable for public procurement.

(By Order of the Governor)
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- 3. The Accountant General (E&RSA) Kerala, Thiruvanathapuram
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- 6. Private Secretary to Chief Minister
- 7. All Private Secretaries to Ministers
- 8. Private Secretary to the Leader of Opposition
- 9. All Secretaries to Government
- The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Registrar, University of Kerala/Cochin/Kozhikode/Kottayam (with C/L)
- 12. The Registrar, High Court of Kerala
- 13. The Secretary, Kerala Human Rights Commission, Thiruvananthapuram
- 14. The Managing Director, Kerala State Transport Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram (with C/L)
- The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board, Thiruvananthapuram (with C/L)
- 16. The Secretary to Governor
- 17. The Nodal Officer, www.finance.kerala.gov.in
 - 18. Stock file/Office Copy

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