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Initiation of procurement activities in advance of budgetary allocations for development projects and recurring procurements

This Circular is issued with the concurrence of the National procurement Commission (NPC) to enhance the efficiency of the procurement process while ensuring adherence to the applicable requirements.

2. Taking into consideration of numerous benefits that can be derived through early initiation of procurement activities up to the point of award it has been decided to enable Procuring Entities (PEs) to initiate procurement actions and proceed up to the stage of contract award, even in instances where budgetary allocations are yet to be provided at the time of initiating such procurement actions. However, when such procurement activities are initiated, the PEs shall give due consideration to avoid any additional burden to the bidders due to early initiation of the respective procurements.

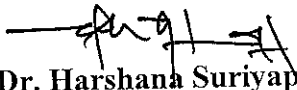
3. This measure is intended solely to address procurement-related delays currently faced by many Procuring Entities and to facilitate the timely implementation of Development Projects and recurring procurements without creating any financial commitment to the Government in the absence of approved budgetary allocations.

4. All Heads of Ministries, Departments, and other Procuring Entities are hereby requested to strictly adhere to the above provisions when initiating procurement activities under this arrangement. In connection with this, attention should be paid to Financial Regulation (FR) 136 (3).

5. This arrangement shall apply for situation where the budgetary provisions are identified in the Mid-Term Budgetary Framework or when budget lines have not yet been established for a particular project.

6. Accordingly, no contract shall be awarded, nor any formal contract entered into with the contractor, supplier, or service provider, unless and until the required budgetary provisions are secured and confirmed.

7. For further clarification, you may contact the Procurement Division of the Public Finance Department on 011 2484614, 011 2484991 or 011 2484987.


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