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Acceleration of Government Procurement Process

With a view to accelerate the government development programmes avoiding undue delays in the government procurement process, Supplement Nos. 31, 32 and 33 have been issued to the Procurement Manual-2006 (Goods & Works) to be used along with the respective Sections of the Government Procurement Guidelines-2006 (Goods & Works), in terms of the related decision taken by the Cabinet of Ministers on 28.02.2017.

02. These Supplements were effected from 15.03.2017 and summary of the changes made to the existing Guideline References of the Procurement Manual-2006 is as follows;

2.1 **Supplement 31**

Supplement 31 issued in keeping with the guidelines reference 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 of the Procurement Manual -2006 (Goods & Works) articulates the maximum time periods (in weeks) to be spent for finalizing the contract awards under the National Competitive Bidding and International Competitive Bidding Process separately. Procurement Entities have the freedom to decide suitable time slots for each procurement activities such as technical evaluation, contract award determination by the appropriate Procurement Committee and appeal process etc., while maintaining compulsory bidding period.

Procurement Entities are required to comply strictly with the prescribed time periods. To that effect it is required that the Procurement Entity, respective Procurement Committee and Technical Evaluation Committee at the first meeting to decide the Procurement Time Schedule (PTS) allocating appropriate time slots for each procurement action on the basis of the nature and complexity of the procurement.

2.2 Supplement 32

Supplement 32 articulates the payments (fees) applicable for members those who served in the respective Procurement Committees, Technical Evaluation Committees and other officers assisting procurement activities to encourage them to complete the tasks well within the time periods stipulated in Supplement 31. For procurements where contract awards be made outside the prescribed Procurement Time Schedule as per Supplement 31, 50% of the payment will be deducted.

2.3 Supplement 33

Supplement 33 increases the authority limits of the Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committees(CACPCs) and Ministry Procurement Committees(MPCs) making determinations/recommendations on the contract awards.

03. To expedite the procurement process, it has been created an object code to provide appropriate financial provisions for pre-procurement activities under the Budget Estimate from 2017. This arrangement will facilitate the Procurement Entities to initiate the procurement activities well in advance.

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