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To

All the Chief Vigilance Officers

Subject:- Short-comings in bid documents.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission has observed that in the award of contracts for goods and services, the detailed evaluation/exclusion criteria are not being stipulated in the bid document and at times is decided after the tender opening. This system is prone to criticism and complaints as it not only leads to a non-transparent and subjective system of evaluation of tenders but also vitiates the sanctity of the tender system.

2. The Commission would reiterate that whatever pre-qualification, evaluation/exclusion criteria, etc. which the organization wants to adopt should be made explicit at the time of inviting tenders so that basic concept of transparency and interests of equity and fairness are satisfied. The acceptance/rejection of any bid should not be arbitrary but on justified grounds as per the laid down specifications, evaluation/exclusion criteria leaving no room for complaints as after all, the bidders spend a lot of time and energy besides financial cost initially in preparing the bids and, thereafter, in following up with the organizations for submitting various clarifications and presentations.

3. This is issued for strict compliance by all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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