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The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Circular No.01/04/14 dated 29th April, 2014 on the subject mentioned above and to say that all Ministries / Department may kindly bring its contents to the notice of all Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under their administrative control for compliance.

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Ref: Commission's circular No. 33/7/03 dated 9th July, 2003

The Commission has been impressing upon all Organisations to ensure transparency and fairplay in all procurements/contracts. One of the concern relates to the short-comings in framing of NITs and bid documents which results in ambiguity and scope for interpretation differently during processing and award of contracts by the organisations.

2. The Commission had vide its Office Order No. 33/7/03 dated 9th July, 2003, advised that whatever pre-qualification, evaluation/exclusion criteria, etc. which the organisation 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 organisations for submitting various clarifications and presentations.

3. The above instructions are related for compliance by all Ministries/Departments/Organisations.

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