

No. 6932-F(Y)

Dated, Kolkata, the 29th August, 2013

NOTIFICATION

E-tendering was made mandatory for tender/auction valued at and above Rs. 50 lakh with option to the Government offices to adopt e-tendering procedure for values less than Rs. 50 lakh. While detailed e-tendering procedure was prescribed in notification No. 3739-F(Y) dt. 03.05.2012, the mandatory provision of e-tendering was included in Note-2 below Rule 47(8) of WBFR, as amended vide notification No. 5400-F(Y) dt. 25.06.2012. Help-desks were set up for the Government offices to facilitate adoption of e-tendering procedure vide memo No. 9701-F(Y) dated 30.11.2012. All these measures while reducing the hassles involved in manual tendering process and cutting down the time involved in finalisation of bids and contracts has brought about much needed financial probity and transparency in Government procurement. In the interest of furtherance of the benefit associated with e-tendering process across wider domain of Government procurement and disposal, it has been decided that the **base-level of Rs. 50 lakh for mandatory e-tendering process needs to be reduced to Rs. 5 lakh.**

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Clause (3) of Article 166 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendments in Note-2 below Rule 47(8) of WBFR, Vol-I, as amended vide Notification No. 5400-F(Y) dated 25.06.2012 and para-1 of Notification No. 3739-F(Y) dt. 03.05.2012, in the following manner :

Note-2 below rule 47(8) - "For Tender value of Rs. 50 lakh and above, e-tendering through the centralized e-tender Portal [<http://wbtenders.gov.in>] is mandatory, in addition to publication in print media" is replaced with "**For Tender value of Rs. 5 lakh and above, e-tendering through the centralized e-tender Portal [<http://wbtenders.gov.in>] is mandatory, in addition to publication in print media"**

Para 1 of Notification no. 3739-F(Y) dt. 03.05.2012 — The phrase "**....if the Tender value is Rs. 50 lakhs and above**" in the last but one sentence is replaced with "**....if the Tender value is Rs. 5 lakhs and above.**" The last sentence of the para beginning with "The Tender value less than Rs. 50 lakhs may...." is deleted.

This order will take effect from 1st October, 2013.

By order of the Governor,
Sd/- H. K. DWIVEDI
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal