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Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(IPHW Division)

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Dated: 24th January, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017 – reg.

Government of India, vide Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion's Order No.P-45021/2/2017-B.E.-II dated 15.6.2017 (copy enclosed), has decided to provide preference to domestic manufacturers in procurement by Government entities and PSUs. In furtherance of the aforesaid Order, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has notified, ten (10) electronic products, which include Desktop and Laptop personal computers, vide Notification No.33(1)/2017-IPHW dated 14.09.2017 (copy enclosed).

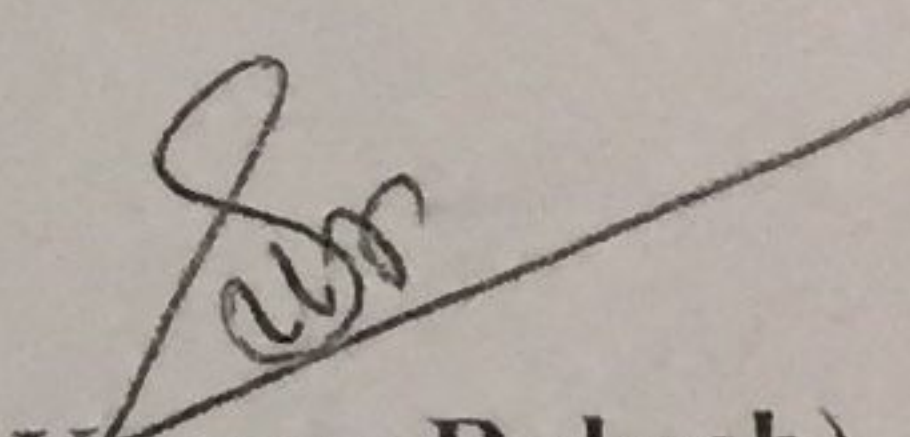
2. DIPP Order dated 15.6.2017 provides that the procurement entities would ensure that the eligibility conditions do not result in unreasonable exclusion of local suppliers who would otherwise be eligible, beyond what is essential for ensuring quality or creditworthiness of the supplier.

3. Several representations have been received from manufacturers of laptops/desktops that the procuring entities have included conditions like Energy Star ratings and/or Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) certification as eligibility conditions for suppliers of laptop/desktop which are not relevant to India and unduly favours multinational companies over Indian manufacturers.

4. In this regard, consultations were held with Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Quality Council of India (QCI) and it was opined that procuring entities should not insist on Energy Star ratings and/or EPEAT Certification, as these are not relevant to India and adequate number of testing facilities are also not available in the country.

5. BEE has provided for performance rating of laptops/desktops, which may be prescribed by the procuring authority for compliance. Standards prescribed by BEE along with logo to be displayed by compliant manufacturer are given at Annexure 'A'. Similarly, in lieu of EPEAT certification, procurement entities may ask for compliance of Restrictions of Hazardous Substances (ROHS) and Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) instructions issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India vide e-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, dated 23rd March 2016 and subsequent amendments on 30th October 2017.

6. All Ministries/ Departments are therefore requested to issue suitable instructions to procurement entities, including PSUs/ Statutory bodies/ Autonomous bodies under their administrative control, for strict compliance of the above instructions.


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Encl.: As above.

To: All Secretaries to Ministries/ Departments