G-35012/3/2019-IFD Government of India Ministry of Jal Shakti DoWR,RD&GR

Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi Dated-31.07.2019

<u>Sub.</u>- Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from Bilateral partners and Multilateral organizations -reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith OM letter no. I7/17/2018-BPC&T dated 16^{th} July, 2019 received from Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance on the subject cited above.

- 2. DEA refers to its earlier OM of even no. dated 14.05.2019 and requested to furnish a list of cases, where ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee is required for engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organizations. It was also advised to seek prior approval of the Screening Committee well in advance for engagement of the Consultants.
- 3. It is therefore, requested to provide information in this regard in the prescribed format to IFD latest by 05.08.2019 for further transmission of collated information to MoF.

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Encl. as above.

(Y.P.Yadav) Under Secretary (Fin-II)

To,

I. All Wing heads (DoWR, RD&GR)

II. All Division heads (DoWR, RD&GR)

III.All Branch heads(DowR, RD&GR)

IV.All Section heads (DoWR, RD&GR)

V. All Organization heads (DoWR, RD&GR)

Copy to:

i. Sr. PPS to Secretary (DoWR, RD&GR)

ii. PPS to JS&FA

No. 7/17/2018-BPC&T
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Bilateral Cooperation Division



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North Block, New Delhi Dated the 16th July, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations -reg.

Attention is invited to DEA's O.M. of even number dated 14.05.2019 (copy enclosed), requesting to furnish a list of cases, if any, where ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee is required for engagement of consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organisations. It was also advised to seek prior approval of the Screening Committee well in advance for engagement of the consultants.

2. In this regard, it is requested again to furnish requisite information within 20 days from the date of issue of this communication. The details of all cases should also be provided in following format:-

| Name of MinistryDepartment/ Division | Concultant | period of appointment | multilateral partner | technical Assiatance/ | whose approval consultants working in | Justification for not referring it earlier for approval of the Screening Committee |
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3. The consolidated information need to be submitted to Cabinet Secretariat, therefore, the matter may be accorded priority and the

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information as per para.2 above, may be expedited within 20 days from the date of this communication. Otherwise, it will be presumed that the Ministry / Department has no information to offer on the subject. It is further stated that no proposal seeking ex-post-facto approval of the Screening Committee would be entertained and it will be the responsibility of the Ministry/Department concerned proposing to move such proposals.

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Encls.: As above.

To

- 1. Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.
- Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries of all Divisions in DEA.

Copy for information to:-

Cabinet Secretariat, [Shri Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Director], Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

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No. 7/17/2018-BPC&T
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Bilateral Cooperation Division

North Block, New Delhi Dated the 14th May, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations -reg.

Attention is invited to Office Memorandum No. 1/42/2015-PMU dated 29.12.2015 and 07.01.2016 prescribing guidelines on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organizations.

- 2. The Department has issued an O.M. No. 7/5/2017-PMU dated 26.03.2019 (copy enclosed), requesting to submit proposals for engagement/extension of consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organizations, well in advance and that no proposal seeking ex-post facto approval would be accepted for consideration of the Screening Committee.
- 3. The matter was further taken up with the Cabinet Secretariat. Cabinet Secretariat has sought list of all cases, where ex-post facto approval of Screening Committee is required and has requested this Department to advise Ministries/Departments to take prior approval for the engagement of the Consultant. It has been reiterated that requests for ex-post facto approval would not be entertained.
- 4. Accordingly, you are requested to furnish a list of cases, if any, where ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee is required for the engagement of consultants. You are also requested to provide all requisite information/documents related to the aforesaid list of proposals with the approval of concerned Hon'ble Minister along with proper

justification/reasons for not seeking approval of the Screening Committee in time.

- 5. You are therefore once again advised to seek prior approval of the Screening Committee for the engagement of the consultants and not to request for ex-post approval in future.
- 6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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To

1. Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.

2. Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries of all Divisions in DEA.

Copy for information to:- Cabinet Secretariat, [Shri Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Director], Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. No. 7/5/2017-PMU
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Bilateral Cooperation Division

North Block, New Delhi Dated the 26th March, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations -reg.

Attention is invited to Office Memorandum No. 1/42/2015-PMU dated 29.12.2015 and 07.01.2016 (copies attached) prescribing guidelines for all Ministries/Departments for processing proposals for engagement of consultants or extension of their tenure, under specific arrangements funded by bilateral partners and multilateral organisations.

- 2. It has come to the notice of this Department that some Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are not submitting such proposals in advance. Also, few Ministries/Departments have sent proposals seeking ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee.
- 3. This is to inform that Cabinet Secretariat has taken a note of it and has returned one such proposal indicating that no purpose is served by seeking ex-post facto approval.
- 4. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India are, therefore, once again requested to submit proposals for engagement of consultants or for extension of their tenure, funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organisations, well in advance and after completion of due diligence. It would be the responsibility of the Ministry/ Department concerned to strictly follow the aforesaid guidelines issued by this Department before submitting the same for consideration of the Screening Committee, and no proposal seeking ex-post facto approval will be accepted for consideration of the Screening Committee.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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