

## 7.5 Public Procurement - Policy and Rules in Tender Procedures - Central unit in Government of Tamil Nadu - Establishment - Orders - Issued.

### FINANCE (SALARIES) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.337

Dated: 11.10.2002

Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.445, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated: 26.9.2000.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.446, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated: 26.9.2000.
3. From Thiru Christopher Hoban, Operations Advisor, World Bank, New Delhi - 3, Dated: 7.5.2002.

#### **ORDER :**

In the Government orders read above, the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000 were notified to be effective from 1.10.2000. The World Bank with the agreement of Government of India, carried out a Country Procurement Assessment with a view to improve transparency, efficiency, accountability of the system of procurements. Tamil Nadu was one of the 3 States taken up for the detailed study.

2. The study report submitted by the Team of World Bank officials was examined in detail and detailed discussion were taken with the team members. The World Bank team proposed a multi-point action plan. In the reference 3rd read above, the World Bank has requested approval of the Government of Tamil Nadu for the action plan submitted by World Bank team. Among other suggestions, the Team has recommended establishment of a central unit framing policy and rules for overseeing public procurement. The unit can also monitor implementation of Transparency in Tenders Act and Rules.

3. After a detailed examination of the suggestion made by the World Bank Team, it is hereby ordered that a central monitoring unit known as "Procurement Procedures Cell" be established in Finance (Salaries) Department. The cell will function under the control of Special Secretary in Finance Department in charge of the expenditure control of Public Works Department and other major infrastructure Departments. The Procurement Procedures Cell will coordinate the activities of other monitoring cells in infrastructure departments like Public Works Department, Highways Department, etc. The Procurement Procedures Cell will be the central agency for issue of general orders regarding public procurement and for monitoring implementation of these orders.

(By order of the Governor)

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Secretary to Government