

**Government of Assam  
WB-PMU, Finance (Estt.-B) Department**

No FEB (WB-PMU) 25/2016/69

Dated Dispur the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

From : Shri Simanta Thakuria, IAS  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Finance Department

To :

1. Shri Biswajit Chakrabarty, Head ,  
FICCI, North-East Regional Advisory Council  
H19, Opp Bhanu Apartments  
Lamb Road, Ambari, Guwahati
2. Confederation of Indian Industry,  
Ratnapeeth, 59, MG Road, Uzanbazar, Guwahati
3. Shri Pabitra Gohain, President,  
Federation of Industry & Commerce of North Eastern Region  
Swahid Dilip Chakravarty Path, House No.03  
R.G Baruah Road, Guwahati-781005, Assam, India
4. The Chairman, Assam Chamber of Commerce,  
House No.7, 3rd Bye Lane  
Chilarai Nagar, Bhangagarh  
GUWAHATI – 781032

Subject: - Framing of Draft Public Procurement Act and Draft Public Procurement Policy  
Statement - reg.


Sir/Madam,

In inviting reference to the subject quoted above, the Government of Assam in Finance Department has initiated the drafting of **Assam Public Procurement Act, 2016** to bring public visibility about legally enforceable provisions in public procurement and would provide a sound basis for ensuring its essential qualities: transparency, accountability, efficiency, economy, competition and professionalism. The Public Procurement policy document would outline the vision and broad approach on the subject of the Government as to the direction in which it intends to move in future with regard to public procurement and serve a dual purpose: as a reference policy document for the procuring agencies, as well as a public commitment by the Government to the general public and the body of vendors about the good governance principles. The Public Procurement Act and Public Procurement Policy Statement would jointly serve as a starting point and sound foundation as well as an overarching reference point for further envisaged comprehensive public procurement reforms.

3. In this regard, a Task Force has been constituted vide Notification No. FEB (WB-PMU) 25/2016/10 Dtd 15/09/2016 to frame the draft Procurement Act indicating the scope of Public Procurement Act. A Team from the World Bank is providing technical support as a part of the Assam State Public

Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe) Project. The task force will (i) frame a draft "Public Procurement Act of Assam" and "Public Procurement Policy Statement of the Government of Assam" and recommend the same for adoption by the Govt and (ii) frame draft procurement rules and procedures of Assam in conformity with the draft Act.

4. The task force has prepared a draft procurement act which was circulated to all the departments of Government of Assam for their feedback/comments/views and after its incorporation the Government desires to hold public consultation with the Association of Industries. In this regard a meeting has been convened at the **Conference Hall of Finance Department, Block-F, Ground Floor, Assam Secretariat on 10/11/2016 at 3-30 PM** to discuss on the draft procurement Act. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your ready reference

  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Finance Department

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1. The Commissioner & Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Finance for appraisal of Hon'ble Minister.
3. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Assam.
4. PS to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department for kind information of the Addl. Chief Secretary.
5. PS to the Commissioner & Secretary(RK/IH/ST) to the Govt of Assam, Finance Department for kind information of the Commissioner & Secretary.
6. PS to the PD, ASPIRe, Commissionerate of Taxes, Kar Bhawan for kind information of PD, ASPIRe.
7. All the members of the Task Force, Procurement Act for attending the same in the aforesaid date.
8. The Dy. Secretary to the Govt of Assam, SA(Nazarat) Dept. He is requested to direct Nazir to provide Tea, Snacks and Sweets in the **Conference Hall of Finance Department, Block-F, Ground Floor, Assam Secretariat on 10/11/2016 at 3:30 PM**

By Orders etc.

  
Addl Project Director  
AS-CFMS