



iii. In sub-rule (16), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(iii) Bids that are not responsive or contain any material deviation shall not be rejected as prescribed in sub-rule (13) or rule 23.”

**Amendment of  
Rule 24**

3 In the principal rules, in rule 24,

i. In sub-rule (I),

a. In clause (iii), for sub-clause (b), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(b) The period of the rate contract shall be clearly indicated in the Notice Inviting Bids and the other Bidding Documents. The period of rate contracts shall normally be one year from the date of contract but may be shorter if the procurement entity arrives at a reasoned conclusion that market prices would fall significantly in the short term. A shorter period may be selected and specified in the bidding documents by the procuring entity after recording the reasons thereof in writing in the case file which shall form part of the procurement records.”

b. For clause (viii), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(viii) The procuring entities shall ensure new rate contracts become operative right after the expiry of the existing rate contracts without any gap. In case it is not possible to conclude the new rate contracts due to unavoidable reasons, the existing rate contracts may be extended at the same rates, terms and conditions for a further period not exceeding another one year after ascertaining that the wholesale market prices of the subject matter of procurement or its constituents have not fallen during the period.”

c. after clause (ix), the following new clause (x) shall be inserted, namely:

“(x) For procurements using rate Contract, if it is estimated that the value of procurement shall exceed beyond the e-procurement threshold in a Financial Year, then the Rate Contract has to be done mandatorily through the e-procurement mode. For Rate Contracts done through offline mode, the procuring entity should ensure that the e-procurement threshold is not crossed during the entirety of the contract period and extension (if any).”

ii. In sub-rule (J), after clause (vi), a new clause (vii) shall be



inserted, namely:

“(vii) All procurements using Framework Agreement (irrespective of the estimated value of procurement) will be mandatorily done through the approved e-procurement portal.”

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

  
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Commissioner & Secretary  
To the Government of Assam,  
Finance Department.

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