

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

Abstract

Finance Department – Re-delegation of Financial Powers to Administrative Secretaries for incurring expenditure on purchase of Computers and Accessories, under the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978 – Order – Issued.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No.10/FD/F3/2023

Puducherry, dated 26/05/2023

READ: (1) G. O. Ms. No. 47/F3/2014, dt. 09.12.2014 of the Finance Department, Puducherry
(2) Circular No. 652/DIT/D1/2022, dated 14.09.2022, of the Directorate of Information Technology (DIT), Puducherry
(3) O. M. No. D. 26017/1/2002/F3, dated 21.10.2002 of Finance Department, Puducherry

ORDER

1. As per the delegation of financial powers to the Secretaries, Heads of Department and Heads of Office for incurring expenditure on Contingent and Miscellaneous Items, vide the Annexure – I of the order read first above, no financial powers are currently vested in the Administrative Secretaries and subordinate authorities for purchase of Computers and its Accessories/Peripherals.

2. However, with the developments over the years in the day-to-day functioning of the Government Departments and Offices, such as the increasing digitization of office procedures, database management and monitoring in respect of schemes and projects, networking across Departments, and introduction of the e-Office system, etc. procurements of computers and its accessories/peripherals in Departments/Offices have increased manifold in both volume and frequency. Accordingly, a review of the delegation of financial powers has been necessitated for ensuring a more efficient and seamless procedure for sanctioning such procurements.

3. The Directorate of Information Technology (DIT) has issued, vide the order read second above, the revised standard technical specifications for procurement of IT equipment in common use in the Government Offices. Departments/Entities shall mandatorily procure all IT equipment through the GeM portal only in compliance with the Rule 149 of the GFR, 2017. The procurements which are in conformity with the DIT circular need not be referred to the Directorate of IT for technical clearance or Rate Reasonability Certificate (RRC).

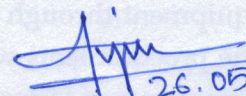
4. In view of the above, approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor has now been obtained under the Rule 13(3) of the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978, for re-delegation of full financial powers to the Administrative Secretaries for the purchase of Desktop Computers, Printers, Multi-Functional Printers and UPS (both offline and online), subject strictly to the condition that the equipment purchased shall not have technical specifications higher than those mentioned in the Annexure – I of the DIT circular read second above, and further subject to strict compliance with the GFR and orders issued by the DIT and the Finance Department in this regard from time to time.

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5. Accordingly, the clause Sl. No. 26(ii)(a) in Annexure – I of the order read first above shall stand amended with immediate effect as follows:

Sl. No.	Items of Expenditure	Monetary Limit up to which expenditure can be incurred			
		Secretary	Special Secretary Addl. Secretary / Deputy Secretary / Heads of Departments in the G. P. of ₹6,600 & above	Heads of Offices / Under Secretary in G. P. of ₹4,800 and ₹5,400	Rules, Orders, Restrictions or Scales subject to which the expenditure shall be incurred
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
26	(ii) Computers/ Peripherals				Subject to compliance with Circular
	(a) Purchase	Full Powers	Nil	Nil	No.652/DIT/D1/2022, dated 14.09.2022, of the DIT, Puducherry
	Explanation: "Computers / Peripherals" shall refer only to: (a) Desktop Computer, (b) Printer, (c) Multi-Function Printer, and (d) UPS (both online and offline). Hence, purchase of any IT equipment other than the items (a) to (d), including Laptop Computer, shall require prior concurrence of the Finance Department.				

6. Accordingly, the ban on purchase of office equipment, imposed vide the order read third above, shall no longer apply. However, any proposal for purchase of Desktop Computers, Printers, Multi-Function Printers and UPS with technical specifications higher than those specified in the Annexure – I of the DIT Circular read second above, shall be first referred to the DIT for technical clearance with proper justification for the higher specifications, and once technically cleared by DIT, such proposals shall also require prior concurrence of the Finance Department. Procurements as per Para 10 of the DIT circular read second above shall however not require technical clearance from the DIT, subject to strict compliance with all the conditions stated therein.

 26.05.2023

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