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### Instruction Order No.16 of 2016

No. IFA/108

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To

All PIFAs/IFAs  
(Services & Command HQrs)  
Dedicated & Nominated IFAs  
(Through CGDA Website)


Sub :- Observations on technical specifications.

During the recent discussions with the CGDA one of the issues raised by the Services is that there is a tendency of IFA to go into Technical Specification of commodities/items and contesting GSQRs & Other issues rather than restrict themselves to financial prudence.

2. In this connection reference is invited to HQrs. Office Circular No. 02 of 2011 issued vide IFA Wing letter No. IFA/108 Dated 09.03.2011 vide which it was advised to all Pr. IFAs/IFAs that observations on technical specifications of the procurement proposal after TEC reports needs to be avoided except where technical specifications are brand specific, restricting competition or have financial implications .



3. All the PIFAs/IFAs are therefore requested to ensure the compliance of above guidelines circulated vide IFA Wing letter No. IFA/108 Dated 09.03.2011 and also to disseminate the above guidelines to their respective subordinate offices under their command.

  
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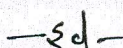
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**Circular No. 02 of 2011.**

No. IFA/108

Dated :- 09--03--2011.

To

All Pr.IFAs/IFAs (Dedicated/Nominated)/  
PCsDA/CsDA (doing IFA work).

Sub :- Observations on technical specifications

During discussion with the reps of Services in the Seminar on IFA system held on 18.10.2010 to 20.10.2010 at HQrs office, it was pointed out that some PIFAs/IFAs are raising observations on technical specification after TEC report and thereby hampering the procurement process.

2. As per extant instructions, the IFAs are supposed to see that the user requirements are laid down in a comprehensive, structured and concrete manner while vetting the draft RFP/NIT/TE. It is to be ensured that technical specifications are broad based and have been expressed in terms of functional characteristics. Their formulations will not prejudice the technical choices by being narrow and tailor-made. References to brand names to be avoided in terms of MoD (Fin) ID No. 3(3)/MO/2005 dt. 09.01.2006.

3. Normally, there shall be no observations on technical matters after AON/RFP vetting stage by the finance except in cases where it is noticed that technical specifications are in violation of government orders/instructions/CVC guidelines. In order to avoid such cases, the IFA may obtain information regarding the source on the basis of which technical specifications have been prepared and the list of the firms manufacturing the items as per proposed specifications.

4. However, as per clarifications issued vide DPM Review Committee on the issue of evaluation of technical bids, flexibility has been given to the CFA, to obtain the opinion of the IFA, on techno-commercial aspects of the bid, forming part of the technical bid, which may have financial implications or in case of a doubt and to ensure the interest of the state is safe guarded. This means that IFA could look at technical issues having financial implications (SI No. 51 & 52 of Section – 1 of Supplement 2010 to DPM – 2009 refers).

5. It is enjoined upon all concerned that observations on technical specifications of the procurement proposal after TEC reports needs to be avoided except where technical specifications are brand specific, restricting competition or have financial implications

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