No.005/CRD/19 Government of India Central Vigilance Commission

Satarkta Bhawan, Block 'A', GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi- 110 023 Dated the 9th May 2006

CIRCULAR No.15/5/06

Subject:- Transparency in Works/Purchase/Consultancy contracts awarded on nomination basis.

The Commission had, in it's OM No. 06-03-02-CTE-34 dated 20.10.2003 on back to back tie up by PSUs, desired that the practice of award of works to PSUs on nomination basis by Govt. of India/PSUs needed to be reviewed forthwith. It is observed that in a number of cases, Works/Purchase/Consultancy contracts are awarded on nomination basis. There is a need to bring greater transparency and accountability in award of such contracts. While open tendering is the most preferred mode of tendering, even in the case of limited tendering, the Commission has been insisting upon transparency in the preparation of panel.

- 2. In the circumstances, if sometimes award of contract on nomination basis by the PSUs become inevitable, the Commission strongly feels that the following points should be strictly observed.
 - (i) All works awarded on nomination basis should be brought to the notice of the Board of the respective PSUs for scrutiny and vetting post facto.
 - (ii) The reports relating to such awards will be submitted to the Board every quarter.
 - (iii) The audit committee may be required to check at least 10% of such cases.
- 3. This may be noted for strict compliance.

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