MEMORANDUM

Sub: Emergency procurement/works related to AMPHAN

The severe cyclone ‘Amphan’, which hit the state in unprecedented manner, has made damage to the physical infrastructures and jeopardized the normal lives of affected area. Now it is utmost essential to provide relief material and to take up repair, restoration and rehabilitation work within a very short period of time. In view of the urgency involved in the procurement of relief materials and execution of emergent repair, restoration and rehabilitation works for affected Districts/Regions the following special relaxations are allowed:

1. The ACS/Pr. Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department may approve inviting tender/quotation with short notice in relaxation of Note 3 of Rule 47(8) of WBFR.

2. In case of unavailability of sufficient bids during 1st call, the ACS/Pr. Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department may allow opening of financial bids.

3. After opening of financial bids, if the rate is considered as reasonable, the ACS/Pr. Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department may accept tenders, which are not within the power of acceptance by TIA, without referring the same to Finance Department.

4. ACS/Pr.Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department may allow procurement through Limited Tender under Rule 47(14)(1) beyond Rs. 10 lakhs.

5. ACS/Pr.Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department may allow procurement from more than one source simultaneously if the entire quantity required is not available or not immediately available from one source. Such procurement may be made in different rates, if unavoidable.

6. If the entire quantity required is not immediately available from any one method of procurement, ACS/Pr.Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department may allow multiple procurement methods simultaneously, like Normal tender /quotation procedure, Limited Tender as per Rule 47(14)(1), single source procurement under Rule 47(14)(2a), procurement of Proprietary article under Rule 47(14)(2b), preferential procurement under Rule 47(B) of WBFR or through GeM and procurement may be made in different rates, if unavoidable. In such cases further concurrence of Finance Department will not be required.
7. The Delegation of Financial power of the ACS/Pr.Secretary/Secretary in charge of the Department for sanctioning of works/procurements, to restore normalcy in ‘Amphan’ affected area, in consultation with the FA of the Department will be as follows:
   a. All Works and Health & Family Welfare Department : 5 Crore
   b. Other Departments : 1 Crore.

8. In every Department, it is mandatory to constitute a Committee consisting of senior and suitable officers to recommend about the exact procurement procedures to be followed and decisions to be made as per the above guidelines. The Financial Advisor of the concerned Department should mandatorily be made a member of such Committee. In case the procurement is to be done by any subordinate office, a committee should be constituted in that office consisting of senior officers including those looking after Finance and Accounts in such office. For offices situated at Kolkata, the Deputy Financial Advisor/Assistant Financial Advisor may be made member of such committees.

This order shall be applicable only for procurement of relief materials and execution of emergent repair, restoration and rehabilitation work to restore normalcy in ‘Amphan’ affected area and will be in force till 31st July, 2020 or till superseded by another order, whichever is earlier.

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1. Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, 2, Government Place West, Kolkata – 700001.
2. Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, 2, Government Place West, Kolkata – 700001.
3. Accountant General (Receipt Works & Local Bodies Audit), West Bengal, CGO Complex, 3rd MSO Building, 5th Floor, Block DF, Sector I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700064.
4. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Department. **This may kindly be forwarded to all Statutory/Autonomous/Local Bodies/Grant in Aid institutions, etc under the Administrative control of the Department.**
5. Special Secretary/Additional Secretary/Commissioner/Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary, Finance Department.
6. Financial Advisor, Department.
7. Commissioner, Division.
8. Director, 

9. Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, Mitra Building, 8, Lyons Range, 3rd Floor, Kolkata – 700001.
13. District Magistrate / District Judge / Commissioner of Police / Superintendent of Police

14. Sub-Divisional Officer, 
15. Treasury Officer, 

16. Block Development Officer, 
17. Sri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance (Budget) Department. He is requested to upload copy of this order in the website of Finance Department.

Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal