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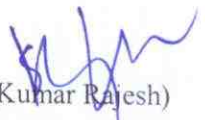
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While conducting review/audit of the Consortia Partners of NAIP, the World Bank approved consultants have observed violation of World Bank procedures during procurement. As a result, various procurements made by the Consortia Partners have been disallowed. These lapses mostly relate to the following:-

- a) In some cases, procurements are being done directly from vendors instead of adopting shopping method of procurement, which is against World Bank procedures.
- b) Payments are being made in cash and that too in installments rather than paying it by payment order which is objectionable.
- c) While procuring things/stores on competitive basis, real competition is not being generated. It is noticed that multiple quotations are being collected from a common source. In order to have a healthy competition and to bargain at the most competitive price, it is always inevitable to have a real and healthy competition between (at least) 3-4 real and genuine firms. Obtaining 2-3 quotations from the same source does not generate any competition and is against World Bank procedures.
- d) It is also noticed that the quotations, after their receipt have been changed because they were not as per Request For Quotation (RFQ). No amendment in quotations should be allowed after their opening. The situation is not only against World Bank procedures but objectionable as well.
- e) Many fake quotations have been found during the procurement review/audit which is highly objectionable.
- f) Dates have not found on Request For Quotation (RFQ) and comparison statements; errors have been noticed in comparison statements which are against World Bank procedures.
- g) Bids were not opened on the same day as deadline for submission.

In order to avoid any adverse observations from the Consultants and also from the World Bank Authorities; all the Consortia Partners/Stake holders of NAIP are advised to strictly follow the World Bank guidelines on the subject. Any violation of these guidelines will be viewed seriously and further course of action as per the World Bank terms and conditions will be taken against the erring agencies. If reimbursement of any purchase are dis-allowed by the World Bank the same will be recovered from or adjusted against future releases, the consortia leader to whom NAIP has released the moneys.

This issues with the approval of the National Director, NAIP and Secretary, ICAR.


(Kumar Rajesh)
Under Secretary

Distributions:

- 1 All Consortia Partners, NAIP
- 2 All NCs of PIU-NAIP
- 3 Director(F), PIU-NAIP
- 4 PPS to ND, NAIP