Circular No.06/07/18

Subject: Transparency in Works/Purchases/Consultancy contracts awarded on nomination basis – reg.

Reference: (i) Commission's Circular No.15/5/06 dated 09.05.2006
(ii) Commission's Office Order No.23/7/07 dated 05.07.2007
(iii) Commission's Office Order No.19/05/10 dated 19.05.2010

Reference is invited to Commission's Circulars cited above wherein the need for award of contracts in a transparent and open manner has been emphasized. The Commission is still receiving representations reporting instances of award of contracts and procurements in a non-transparent manner on nomination basis by several Departments/CPSUs.

2. The award of contracts/procurements/projects on nomination basis without adequate justification amounts to a restrictive practice eliminating competition, fairness and equity. The Commission would reiterate its earlier instructions, that award of contracts on nomination basis can be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances as laid down in Commission's Office Order No.23/7/07 dated 05.07.2007.

3. All Ministries/Departments/CPSUs are therefore advised to apprise the aforementioned guidelines to the concerned officers for strict compliance.

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Director

To

(i) The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Govt.
(ii) All Chief Executives of CPSUs.
(iii) All CVOs of Ministries/Deptts/CPSUs.