OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Task Force on Sustainable Public Procurement.

A presentation on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) was organized on 7th March, 2018 by Department of Expenditure (DoE) which was also attended by the representatives of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It was noted that over 40 countries have put in place sustainable procurement policies. Taking note of the potential for economic and environmental gains attained within India by adopting sustainable technologies in the procurement of LED lamps, Energy Star ratings of BEE, adoption of Life Cycle Costing in certain areas, etc., it is felt that more economic and environmental gains can be unlocked through development a Sustainable Procurement Policy in specific product groups/services/works that Government procures. The need for consulting and involving industry, strengthening the certification and eco labelling systems, developing tool kits for use of LCC in various sectors, training and capacity building of procurement officers, etc., were identified as areas for attention.

2. It is therefore decided to constitute a Sustainable Procurement Task Force with the following Terms of Reference (ToR):

   (i) Review International Best Practices in the area of SPP.
   (ii) Inventorise the current status of SPP in India across Government organizations.
   (iii) Prepare a draft Sustainable Procurement Action Plan
   (iv) Recommend an initial set of product/service categories (along with their specifications) where SPP can be implemented

3. The composition of Sustainable Procurement Task Force shall be as follows:

   (i) Joint Secretary (PPD & PF C-II), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Chairman.
   (ii) Representative of MoEFCC not less than the level of Joint Secretary
   (iii) Representative of Ministry of Railways (MoR) not less than the level of Joint Secretary.
   (iv) Nominee of CEO, GeM.
(v) Nominee of Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards.
(vi) Director General, Bureau of Electrical Energy.
(vii) Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Additional General Manager, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India.
(viii) Director Public Procurement Division, Department of Expenditure - Member Secretary

4. The Task Force may consult UNEP, Industry, academia etc. while making the recommendations. The Task Force should submit its report by 15.05.2018. The first meeting of the task force is scheduled on 02.04.2018 at 1100 hours in Conference Hall, Room No. 72, North Block, New Delhi. (Mr Sanjay Kumar is requested to make introductory presentation during the meeting)

5. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

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7. Shri Atul Bagai, India Head, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), 55, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 110003, Tel: 46532363, Mob.: 9891415980, E-mail: bagai@un.org with a request to also attend the meeting on 02.04.2018 as a special invitee.