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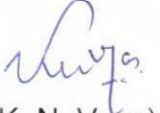
Foreword

In recognition of the highly specialised and strategic nature of procurement required by the Department of Atomic Energy, Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha, founder of India's atomic energy program, had envisaged a separate Division for carrying out the Purchase and Stores function of the Department. The Department has been exempted since 1956 from utilising the services of centralised procurement carried out by Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal. The Department is a multi-disciplinary R&D organization primarily engaged in advanced technologies such as nuclear power/research reactor, nuclear fuel cycle, accelerators, lasers, superconductors, advanced materials, radiation technology and its applications in agriculture, medicine, radio-diagnosis, radio-therapy, etc.

Directorate of Purchase & Stores was formed in the year 1972 by then Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, Dr. Homi Nusserwanji Sethna. It is entrusted to carry out the materials management function of the Department. It endeavours to make the materials management process efficient, transparent, time bound, user friendly to its stake holders and facilitate meeting the vision of the Department.

In order to meet the emerging challenges, bring in more professionalism and efficiency, ensure uniformity, increase transparency in procurement, the first purchase manual was released in the year 2009. Over a period of time a number of changes have taken place with respect to public procurement policy, make in India policy, general financial rules, guidelines of central vigilance commission, implementation of e-procurement, procurement through government e-market place, simplification of procedures, etc. necessitating initiation of the process of bringing out a revised purchase manual.

I compliment all those who have contributed to the preparation of this manual.


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