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Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division  
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516, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: - Recommendation of Expenditure Management Commission (EMC) regarding

The Government of India had constituted EMC in September, 2014 to look into various aspects of Expenditure Reforms to be undertaken by the Government. The Committee was headed by Dr. Bimal Jalan, eminent economist and public policy experts.

2. In this context it is noted that EMC has recommended following related to Public Procurement.

**Recommendation No.78 (December, 2015)**

***Building capacity** – There is an urgent need to build internal capacities in Government for handling procurement and project management. A critical input for improving the process of public procurement and reducing time/cost overruns is the quality of manpower handling for process. It is understood that Department of Expenditure has commenced certain training programmes on procurement for administrative personnel. It is recommended that such programmes be scaled up and made mandatory for persons engaged in procurement. The Government may also tie up with professional training institutes for this purpose.*

3. In this context, it may be recalled that Department of Expenditure (DoE) in collaboration with National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM) is already conducting training programs for officers engaged in Public Procurement since January, 2015. The details of this programme has been already communicated to all Departments vide DoE O.M. No.F.26/6/2014-PPD dated 23.1.2015 and 22.12.2015. The complete cost of training including boarding/lodging is borne by DoE. Soon NIFM will also be starting to conduct these training programmes at locations other than Faridabad in collaboration with other training institutes/ organisations. Ministries/Departments are encouraged to make use of these training programs initiated by this Department. They are also requested to arrange similar programmes at their own level in their Ministries/ Departments to supplement these efforts.

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