F.42 (1)-FIN (EXPENDITURE-I)/2020/TSPC/.Q.7 **GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA** FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dated, Agartala, the 15 May, 2021.

MEMORANDUM

It is to inform that recently, the Tripura State Procurement Council took a call on the issue of acceptance of single qualified bid tender at 1st call and recommended in its meeting held on 6th November, 2020 that the single bid in 1st call could be considered if it satisfied the criteria mentioned at Rule 173(xx) of GFR-2017 and Rule 22(5) (A) of DFPRT-2019. As per Rule 173(XX) of GFR-2017, "lack of competition shall not be determined solely on the basis of the number of bidders. Even when only one bid is submitted, the process may be considered valid provided following conditions are satisfied:

- a) The procurement was satisfactorily advertised and sufficient time was given for submission of bids.
 - b) The qualification criteria were not unduly restrictive; and
 - c) Prices are reasonable in comparison to market values".
- 2. The purchase committee and the accepting authority may satisfy themselves of the criteria mentioned above before recommending/accepting the single qualified bid tender.
- 3. Therefore, it is clarified that henceforth, the above-mentioned recommendation of the Tripura State Procurement Council shall be applicable for procurement of all types of goods, services and works and this decision shall supersede all earlier guidelines and executive instructions issued in this regard. Mooning!

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