

No. 7/17/2018-BPC&T (Part)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Bilateral Cooperation Division

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 19 December, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations -reg.

Attention is invited to DEA's O.M. of even number dated 14.05.2019 and its reminder dated 16.07.2019 (copies enclosed), requesting to furnish a list of cases, if any, where ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee is required for engagement of consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organisations.

2. As per communication from Cabinet Secretariat, following may be **noted for compliance**:-

(i) Ministries/Departments which had submitted the list are requested to submit the proposal where ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee for engagement/extension of tenure of consultants is required with justification for not obtaining approval of the Screening Committee with the approval of Hon'ble Minister Incharge.

(ii) **The Ministries/Departments are requested that henceforth no ex-post facto approval will be granted for engaging consultants from bilateral partners/multilateral organisations.**

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3. It is reiterated that Ministries/Departments should seek prior approval of the Screening Committee for engagement/extension of the Consultant(s) from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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2. Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries of all Divisions in DEA.

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[Shri Sibi Chakkravarthy M, Deputy Secretary],
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2. In this regard, it is requested again to furnish requisite information within 20 days from the date of issue of this communication. The details of all cases should also be provided in following format:-

S. No.	Name of Ministry/Department/Division	Name of Consultant (s)	Details of period of appointment	Bilateral/multilateral partner	Under technical Assistance/MoU.etc.	Under whose approval consultants working in the Ministry/Dept.	Justification for not referring it earlier for approval of the Screening Committee

3. The consolidated information need to be submitted to Cabinet Secretariat, therefore, the matter may be accorded priority and the

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information as per para.2 above, may be expedited within 20 days from the date of this communication. Otherwise, it will be presumed that the Ministry / Department has no information to offer on the subject. It is further stated that no proposal seeking ex-post-facto approval of the Screening Committee would be entertained and it will be the responsibility of the Ministry/Department concerned proposing to move such proposals.



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Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

No. 7/17/2018-BPC&T
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Bilateral Cooperation Division

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 14th May, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations -reg.

Attention is invited to Office Memorandum No. 1/42/2015-PMU dated 29.12.2015 and 07.01.2016 prescribing guidelines on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organizations.

2. The Department has issued an O.M. No. 7/5/2017-PMU dated 26.03.2019 (copy enclosed), requesting to submit proposals for engagement/extension of consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organizations, well in advance and that no proposal seeking ex-post facto approval would be accepted for consideration of the Screening Committee.

3. The matter was further taken up with the Cabinet Secretariat. Cabinet Secretariat has sought list of all cases, where ex-post facto approval of Screening Committee is required and has requested this Department to advise Ministries/Departments to take prior approval for the engagement of the Consultant. It has been reiterated that requests for ex-post facto approval would not be entertained.

4. Accordingly, you are requested to furnish a list of cases, if any, where ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee is required for the engagement of consultants. You are also requested to provide all requisite information/documents related to the aforesaid list of proposals with the approval of concerned Hon'ble Minister along with proper

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justification/reasons for not seeking approval of the Screening Committee in time.

5. You are therefore once again advised to seek prior approval of the Screening Committee for the engagement of the consultants and not to request for ex-post approval in future.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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No. 7/5/2017-PMU
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Bilateral Cooperation Division

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 26th March, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on engagement of Consultants by Ministries/Departments of Government of India from bilateral partners and multilateral organisations -reg.

Attention is invited to Office Memorandum No. 1/42/2015-PMU dated 29.12.2015 and 07.01.2016 (copies attached) prescribing guidelines for all Ministries/Departments for processing proposals for engagement of consultants or extension of their tenure, under specific arrangements funded by bilateral partners and multilateral organisations.

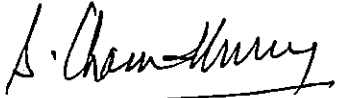
2. It has come to the notice of this Department that some Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are not submitting such proposals in advance. Also, few Ministries/Departments have sent proposals seeking ex-post facto approval of the Screening Committee.

3. This is to inform that Cabinet Secretariat has taken a note of it and has returned one such proposal indicating that no purpose is served by seeking ex-post facto approval.

4. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India are, therefore, once again requested to submit proposals for engagement of consultants or for extension of their tenure, funded through bilateral partners and multilateral organisations, well in advance and after completion of due diligence. It would be the responsibility of the Ministry/ Department concerned to strictly follow the aforesaid guidelines issued by this Department before submitting the same for consideration of the Screening Committee, and no proposal seeking ex-post facto approval will be accepted for consideration of the Screening Committee.

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5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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