

# GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

## Abstract

**Stores and Services - Purchase requirements of Stores and Services by Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Boards/Local Bodies/Cooperative Institutions - Transparency in tender procedure - Orders - Issued.**

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### Finance (BPE) Department

G.O. Ms. NO. 665

Dated : 17-11-1998

Read :

1. G.O. Ms. No. 445, PWD, dated 26-2-90.
2. G.O. Ms. No. 75, Finance (BPE) Department, dated 19-2-97.
3. G.O. Ms. No. 195, Finance (BPE) Department, dated 4-5-98.

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### ORDER :

Certain Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Boards are adopting different procedures in the matter of negotiation with the tenderers while procuring goods and services. Instances of simultaneous negotiation with all the tenderers as well as consideration of post tender offers have also been brought to the notice of the Government. In this context, in the Government Order first read above instructions have already been issued to the effect that the tendering authorities are to negotiate only with the lowest tenderer to the advantage of the Government and if the negotiations with the lowest tenderer fail, then the tender should be legally and literally closed and re-tender ordered. As such, it is reiterated that in tenders for the purchase requirements of Stores and Services by Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory Boards/Local Bodies/Cooperative Institutions, it would not be desirable to allow negotiations with any bidder other than the lowest bidder. If the lowest bidder is not willing to negotiate or if the reduced rate of the lowest bidder after negotiation is still considered high, the tender shall be rejected and

retender called for.

(2) Functional Registrars of Cooperative Societies should communicate this order to all the Co-operative institutions under their control. The Director of Municipal Administration/Director of Town and Country Planning/Director of Rural Development/Director General of Municipal Corporations should communicate this order to all the Local Bodies under their control. The Director of Stationery and Printing shall Publish this order in the Government Gazette in the earliest issue.

(3) The receipt of this Government Order shall be acknowledged.

**(By Order of the Governor)**

**(P.V. RAJARAMAN)**  
**Secretary to Government.**