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## Office Memorandum

Subject:

Withdrawing facility of submission of Price Bid in PDF format on Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP)

The undersigned is directed to refer the discussions held during last CPPP review taken by Joint Secretary (PF C II), Department of Expenditure on 28.09.2018 wherein it was noted that in around 12 % of the tenders floated on CPPP, bidders are permitted to upload scanned price bids instead of price bids in specified online forms. It was also discussed that due to this, system is not able to generate online price comparative statements. Hence, the system of accepting scanned price bids severely restricts usefulness of the e-procurement, which is mandatory as per Rule 160 (i) of GFR, 2017.

- 2. In order to maintain complete transparency and usefulness of the system, it is decided to discontinue practice on scanned bids on CPPP. National Informatics Center (NIC) is requested to take action to stop the provision of scanned bids on CPPP after giving adequate notice to all stakeholders.
- This issues with the approval of JS(PF C-II).

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