

# Procurement of Goods and Services

## PROCUREMENT OF GOODS

**Rule 142.** This chapter contains the general rules applicable to all Ministries or Departments, regarding procurement of goods required for use in the public service. Detailed instructions relating to procurement of goods may be issued by the procuring departments broadly in conformity with the general rules contained in this Chapter.

**Rule 143. Definition of Goods.**— The term 'goods' used in this chapter includes all articles, material, commodity, livestock, furniture, fixtures, raw material, spares, instruments, machinery, equipment, industrial plant, vehicles, aircraft, ships, railway rolling stock, assemblies, sub-assemblies, accessories, a group of machineries comprising of an integrated production process or such other category of goods or intangible products like software, technology transfer, licenses, patents or other intellectual properties purchased or otherwise acquired for the use of Government but excludes books, publications, periodicals, etc. for a library.

The term 'goods' also includes works and services which are incidental or consequential to the supply of such goods, such as, transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training and maintenance.

**Rule 144. Fundamental principles of public buying (for all procurements including procurement of works).**— Every authority delegated with the financial powers of procuring goods in public interest shall have the responsibility and accountability to bring efficiency, economy, and transparency in matters relating to public procurement and for fair and equitable treatment of suppliers and promotion of competition in public procurement.

The procedure to be followed in making public procurement must conform to the following yardsticks :—

- (i) The description of the subject matter of procurement to the extent practicable should—
  - (a) be objective, functional, generic and measurable and specify technical, qualitative and performance characteristics;
  - (b) not indicate a requirement for a particular trade mark, trade name or brand.