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Dear Mr. Ganguli:

***INDIA: Vocational Training Improvement Project (Cr. 4319-IN)-  
No Objection for Procurement Plan for Goods - Goa***

Thank you for your electronic mail of November 24, 2009 enclosing the revised Procurement Plan [PP] for Goods of Goa for IDA's review and no-objection.

This is to recall that the Bank reviewed the procurement plans submitted in October, 2009 and provided no objection with comments on the same through its letter dated October 20, 2009. After review and issuance of the no objection, Goa has carried out major revisions in the plan and has submitted the same for review and approval. While we appreciate the efforts of Goa to get the plan right, at the same time we would advise the states to be more diligent while preparing the procurement plan to avoid frequent and major changes.

The NPIU may kindly be advised to take necessary steps to support the states in the process of preparation of sound procurement plans. In case, some states have to revise their procurement plans after the Bank no objection, the revised plan should be submitted with the revised items highlighted and with appropriate explanation and justification for the revision.

We have reviewed the procurement plan and have following comments:

- (i) In package 9, the method of procurement is indicated as NCB/DGS&D. Please modify it as 'NCB'. DGS&D can be used in lieu of shopping only not in lieu of NCB.
- (ii) In package numbers 14,15,16,17 the estimated cost indicated in the procurement plan does not match with the total cost of items proposed for procurement. Please reconcile and correct.

Based on the information provided, IDA has no-objection to the procurement plan for goods subject to modifying the procurement method for package 9 and correct the estimated cost of package numbers 14,15,16,17.

Please submit the final procurement plan for goods through the NPIU to the Bank after incorporating the above changes for our record and for publication in the Bank website.

As per Bank's Procurement Guidelines Para 1.16, please publish the procurement plan in the NPIU and State/SPIU websites and confirm the publication to IDA for our record.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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