File No. C-42/07/2013-MPLADS

To

1. The Commissioners,
Corporations of Kolkata / Chennai / Delhi
2. All District Collectors / District Magistrates / Deputy Commissioners

Sub:-- Purchase of equipments for Government Hospitals/Dispensaries.

Sir,

Reference has been received in the Ministry seeking clarification regarding purchase and installation of hospital equipments in existing Government Hospital under MPLADS.

2. Vide circular no. C-42/16/2011-MPLADS dated 03.07.2013, it was provided that, in a new proposal essentially for capital works for construction of Government Hospitals and Educational Institutions, an allied expenditure on moveable items (furniture, equipment etc.) up to maximum 10% of the total cost of the proposal may be allowed; however, moveable items such as furniture, equipments, etc. would not be admissible for existing Government Hospitals and Educational Institutions.

3. It is clarified that furniture for existing schools up to the level of Secondary Schools was allowed with certain conditions/ safeguards, vide circular no. C-42/16/2011-MPLADS dated 23.08.2013.

4. In Annexure-II of the Guidelines on MPLADS, which contains the list of works prohibited under MPLADS, at Item No. 8, ‘Project of Moveable Items except as those provided in Annexure II A’ are prohibited. And, Annexure II-A does not specifically refer to or allow moveable items such as furniture, equipments, etc. for government hospitals (except ambulances/hearse vans and ambulances for sick/injured animals in wildlife sanctuaries and national parks).

5. In Annexure IV–E, which gives a sector-wise type of illustrative works subject to the provisions in the Guidelines, at Item IV 2, ‘Procurement of hospital equipments for Government Hospitals and dispensaries’ is mentioned.
6. It may be seen that the import of the circular dated 03.07.2013 was to allow moveable items of a general nature such as furniture, equipments etc. up to maximum 10% of the total cost in a new proposal of a government hospital, and to specifically prohibit such moveable items in existing government hospitals. Its purview did not take into consideration the aspect of purchase of medical equipment (like linear particle accelerator for cancer treatment) which are covered under Item No. IV 2 of Annexure IV E.

7. Therefore, going by the respective imports of the existing provisions (Circular dated 03.07.2013 and Item No. IV-2. of Annexure IVE) in the Guidelines, it is a requirement to make a clear distinction between moveable items of general nature such as furniture, equipment, etc. on the one hand (which are barred vide the circular dated 03.07.2013) and specific/specialized hospital /medical machines/equipment on the other hand (which are permitted vide Item No. IV 2 of Annexure IV E).

8. It is clarified that circular dated 03.07.2013 bars moveable items of a general nature such as furniture, equipments, etc. (for example, tables, chairs, beds, medical instruments, short-life/non-durable medical equipments, etc.) in existing Government hospitals and dispensaries but does not bar specific/specialized hospital /medical machines/equipment which are directly related to the core medical functioning of the hospital/dispensary (for example, linear particle accelerator for cancer treatment, dialysis machines, X-ray machines, ultra sound machines, etc).

9. Therefore, it has been decided that purchase of medical equipment costing not less than Rs. 5 lakh shall be permissible for Government Hospitals/Dispensaries under the MPLAD Scheme.

10. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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