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It has been observed that in one of the ICAR Institutes, the method adopted for appointment of Executing Agency for Construction is not in conformity with the extant provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR-2017) and Manual for Procurement of Consultancy & Other Services 2017. Invoking of QCBS system which is to be adopted in highly technical and complex assignments, in the Expression of Interest for selection of Executing Agency for construction of buildings etc has led to enhanced expenditure by the Council. CVC in the case while pointing out this fact has made following observation :-

"GFR 2017 does not provide appointment of Executive Agencies on QCBS method and provides only for the competition among the organizations essentially based on the lump sum service charges to be claimed for execution of work. Rule 133(3) of GFR-2017 provides that "in case of award of works to any Public Sector Undertaking set up by the Central or State Government to carry out civil or electrical works or, to any other Central/State Govt. Organization / PSU which may be notified by the Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD now MOHUA) for such purpose after evaluation of their financial strength and technical competence, the Ministry/Department shall ensure competition among such PSUs /Organizations essentially based on the lump sum service charges to be claimed for execution of work".

All the Units of ICAR are hereby advised to scrupulously follow the extant guidelines on Procurement of Consultancy, as enunciated in GFR and the Manual.

This issues with the approval of CVO, ICAR.

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