MeitY Revises Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2020, For Six IT Hardware Products To Promote Domestic Manufacturing

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The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has revised its earlier notification dated 07th September 2020 regarding methodology for calculation of Local Content / Domestic Value Addition (DVA) for Six IT-Hardware products under the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017, with a view to promoting domestic manufacturing, strengthening indigenous capabilities and generating employment.

The revised methodology covers the following Six Products:

1. Desktop PCs / All-in-One PCs (AIO-PCs)
2. Laptop PCs
3. Thin Clients
4. Servers
5. Computer Monitors and
6. Interactive Flat Panel Displays (IFPDs).

The revised framework introduces a process-oriented, Bill of Materials (BoM)-based mechanism for computation of DVA. It recognises eligible manufacturing activities & processes undertaken in India, including mainboard/motherboard assembly through Surface Mount Technology (SMT), domestic sourcing of bare PCB, assembly, testing and packaging of memory (RAM) and storage (SSD), display assembly processes, domestic sourcing of chassis and power module, and final assembly and testing.

The revised methodology provides adequate weightage to eligible in-house Research and Development (R&D) undertaken in India to promote indigenous technology development and innovation.

Further, to encourage and promote indigenous design capability and creation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of such IT hardware products, additional weightage has been assigned to Indian product design and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

The revised methodology also provides a standardised format for DVA calculation and self-certification to ensure objectivity and transparency in DVA assessment made by the manufacturers. This would also enable objective verification of the self-declared DVA by

manufacturers, wherever required.

The revised methodology shall come into effect six months from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall supersede the corresponding provisions of MeitY's notification dated 07th September 2020 for these six products.

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