

No.OFF-1-CTE-1(Pt) V  
Government of India  
Central Vigilance Commission

Satarkta Bhawan, Block 'A',  
GPO Complex, INA,  
New Delhi – 110 023  
Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.

**Office Order No.15/3/05**

**Subject: Notice inviting tenders - regarding.**

The Commission has observed that some of the Notice Inviting Tenders (NITs) have a clause that the tender applications could be rejected without assigning any reason. This clause is apparently incorporated in tender enquiries to safeguard the interest of the organisation in exceptional circumstances and to avoid any legal dispute, in such cases.

2. The Commission has discussed the issue and it is emphasized that the above clause in the bid document does not mean that the tender accepting authority is free to take decision in an arbitrary manner. He is bound to record clear, logical reasons for any such action of rejection/recall of tenders on the file.
3. This should be noted for compliance by all tender accepting authorities.

Sd/-  
(Anjana Dube)  
Deputy Secretary

All Chief Vigilance Officers