

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

MINISTRY OF FINANCE TASHICHHO DZONG



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This is to inform all the Government Agencies that the system of annual quotation for air ticketing practised by some of the government ministries and agencies is flawed and it sets not only disparity, monopoly and unhealthy trend in procurement but thwart the much cherished policy support to private sector's competitiveness and growth. Unlike framework contracting in the supplies of office stationery, procurement of services like air ticketing is highly presumptuous of the travel routes and cost, as it varies with period for each travel.

In view of the circumstances cited above and in keeping with the situation of limited resources, all government agencies are requested to strictly comply with the following arrangements with regard to procurement of air ticketing services with immediate effect:

- a) All framework contract or annual quotation for air ticketing entered into by government agencies should be terminated immediately; and
- b) The air tickets should be procured on a case by case quotation floated on the website of respective agency or published in print media with adequate time for submission of bids.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

To:

All Budgetary Agencies

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- 1. The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Tashichho Dzong, Thimphu.
- 2. The Chairperson, Anti Corruption Commission, Thimphu
- 3. The Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority, Thimphu.