

## **Project Implementation Arrangements**

The Project envisages procurement at State and District level, of various goods & equipment including hydrological equipment, equipment for M&E, and dissemination materials etc. Further, the Project envisages procurement of a number of consultancy firms as well as individual consultants for various research studies, planning and design and capacity building of project implementing agencies.

All major and complex project procurement shall be conducted at State level PMU. Depending on the task complexity and required flexibility for selected Procurement State PMU may agree on District level PIU of the department carrying out procurement for a contract value not exceeding \$100,000. . This shall be determined on case- merit basis It is mandatory that all procurement activities by any IA including State PMU are included in the procurement plan and prior cleared by the Bank. All these need establishment of Procurement Cell at the State level to ensure that the procurement activities are performed efficiently and in a timely manner to ensure success of the Project. The cell at State level will have full time procurement experts/ officers who have previous experience of handling procurement for World Bank funded projects to handle and/or coordinate all procurements under the Project. The procurement experts will be and supported by adequate support staff and procurement consultants. The pre-requisite for staff to handle project procurement will be attending procurement training on “Procurement in Projects financed by World Bank following World Bank Procurement Guidelines and Consultant Guidelines”.

- (a) In addition to overall responsibility of procurement activities, the Procurement Cells will: Review the Procurement Plan for procurement to be conducted at the respective level;
- (b) Ensure that consistent and correct methods of procurement as specified in the Financing Agreement and as per procedures outlined in this Manual are consistently followed by all the procurement entities of the Project;
- (c) Finalize technical specifications for goods/civil works and terms of references for consulting services respectively;
- (d) Evaluation of quotations/ bids for goods & works and proposals for consultancies followed by preparation of evaluation reports;
- (e) Develop and maintain Procurement Management Information System of all procurements done in the Project;
- (f) Maintain records of all procurement related complaints received and their disposal;
- (g) Collect, collate all procurement related information for review by Bank and its auditors;
- (h) Ensure that all procurement related records and documents required by the Bank Guidelines are properly maintained, kept by the various procurement entities; with a system to retrieve the required document within a reasonable time.