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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
Hon'ble Finance Minister
Government of India

Subject: Public Procurement Order Notification dated 7th September 2020

Hon'ble Madam,

Greetings from **MAIT**, the apex body of the Electronic Hardware Manufacturing Sector in India!

India has a chronic problem that the State Govt. departments choose to ignore the PPO Guidelines and do not give preference to the Make in India products.

We understand that the Central Government has a limited say on State Govt. departments, however, we request you to issue the following Govt. order:

- i) Any Central or State Govt. departments shall be eligible for Central Govt. funding, only if they follow PPO Guidelines for procurement.
- ii) For projects already released, the Central Govt.'s further funding will happen only on furnishing proof that PPO Guidelines are adhered to.
- iii) Any complaint from an Indian manufacturer to this effect that PPO Guidelines are not being followed will be viewed seriously.

Madam, if such a circular may be issued, we will get much higher compliance from State Governments, Academic Institutions, Public Sector entities and Private Sector entities, seeking Central Govt. funding.

We look forward to your kind consideration of our request.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer