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Directors of all National Labs/Instts.

**Sub: Execution of construction works through Purchase Sections of
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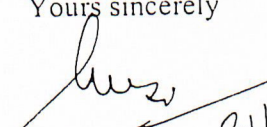
Dear Sir,

A Circular was issued vide letter of even number dated 20th Jan.2004 specifying that all construction works of civil and services are to be executed as per detailed conditions laid down vide the document "Conditions of Contract for Works" issued by CSIR vide letter no.10/10/94-Engg. dated 28th July, 1995. A list of specialized works of construction which fall under the 'works contracts' was also enclosed as detailed in para 19.3 of CPWD Works Manual 2003.

In the list of specialized works the modular steel furniture and custom made wooden furniture was included. Accordingly the laboratories started procuring the laboratory furniture and fume hoods under work contracts. However a reference has been received that for supply and installation of modular steel furniture for laboratories through work contracts some difficulties are being experienced leading to delays. It has been brought out that the modular furniture is supplied by several vendors in the country for modern laboratories. This modular furniture can be selected in the modules which fit the laboratory. Also all the vendors who manufacture this steel furniture have in-house fabrication facilities to assemble laboratory furniture and install it at work place. Since the steel furniture in the laboratory is of specialized nature therefore this should be allowed to be procured through purchase procedure.

The issue has been considered and DGCSIR with the concurrence of FA, CSIR has been pleased to approve that the procurement of modular laboratory furniture may be arranged through Purchase Wing of the laboratories.

Yours sincerely


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