Chandigarh, Jan 14: A meeting to review the progress made about e-tendering systems was held under the chairmanship of Finance Secretary-Secretary IT, Chandigarh Administration, Sanjay Kumar today. The e-procurement tendering portal is now ready and has duly been tested by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

In this meeting it was decided that since all the Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders (DNITs) above Rs 10 lakh were being uploaded on the Chandigarh Administration’s website www.chandigarh.gov.in/tender.gov.in, the supply of the physical forms for these tenders shall immediately be stopped to ensure that all the bidders visited the website and downloaded the tenders from there.

Further, it was decided that since no printing would be done by the departments and the DNITs will be availed online, no fee will be charged for selling these DNITs.

Keeping in view the availability of the e-procurement tendering software system it was decided that all the tenders of value more than Rs 10 lakh will not be accepted in physical form after April 1, 2010. These would be submitted by the prospective bidders only online on the e-Procurement module. Accepting tenders of over Rs 10 lakh value in physical form will be treated as a corrupt practice after April 1, 2010.

Chief Engineers of UT Administration, Chandigarh MC and CHB were directed to ensure internal capacity building and training of their manpower for this purpose. They have also been directed to also ensure that the nitty-gritties within their respective departments be taken care of before the said timelines.
It was also decided that from April 1, 2010, onwards tender documents of even works less than Rs 10 lakh shall also be available online and shall have to be downloaded by prospective bidders as no tender documents/forms shall be issued in physical form. The meeting was attended by Ajoy Sharma, Special Secretary Finance, Manjit Brar, Director, Information Technology, S.K. Jaitley, Superintendent Engineer, S.K. Chadha, Superintendent Engineer, Ajay Rampal, State Informatics Officer, Dr. S.C. Dhawan, Additional Director, IT, and all the nodal officers along with both the Chief Engineers.