Entail expenditure of any item considered 'unavoidable' without calling for quotation provided its value does not exceed Rs.5000 and the value of such expenditure does not exceed Rs.25000 in a month.

Approval of tour programme of officers and employees under his control and within his jurisdiction

11.15 Adequate budget would be provided to the Nodal Officer by the concerned Director. Proper accounts of all expenditure incurred and payments received (if any) shall be maintained by the Nodal Officer, in a format prescribed by the Chief Accounts Officer (CAO), IWAI, before 31.12.2009.

11.16 Directors, IWAI are also authorized to make any changes relating to the place, length and time of setting up the bandalling, dismantling the same and /or shifting the same to another venue with a view to improving the LAD in identified 'critical' stretches provided it is within the approved budgetary and length limits for the Directorate. In case, the approved budgetary and length limits need to be exceeded, a revised proposal shall be forwarded by the Director to the IWAI Head Office and he shall proceed to take action thereon after the same has been approved by the Head Office. Chief Engineer, IWAI will ensure that requisite decision of Head Office is communicated to Director, IWAI within 15 days of receipt of proposal.

12 River Information Service

12.1 IWAI will set up an effective River Information Service on the National waterways which, inter alia, will enable Director, IWAI and /or Nodal Officer to effectively monitor any vessel plying on the National Waterway. IWAI may also stipulate all Operators to install appropriate Vessel Identification System on board their vessels.

13 Emergency Services to be provided by IWAI

13.1 In case of distress/ emergency, the Operator will inform the concerned Nodal Officer, Director and Member (Cargo) in the Head Office of IWAI for the required help apart from the concerned administrative officers belonging to the State Government in whose jurisdiction the location, where emergency occurred, lies.

13.2 Some State Governments have notified 'River Thanas' (River Police Stations) with specific territorial jurisdictions. Director, IWAI will take steps to clearly demarcate the jurisdiction of the District Administration and the Police Station, in whose territorial jurisdiction various stretches of the National Waterways lie; in case of any crime, appropriate authorities, police and civil, are to be notified without any delay so that prompt and effective action can be taken by them. Details of appropriate authorities will be furnished to the Operator and /or the Vessel Master by the Director.

13.3 In case of navigational distress /emergency, such as engine failure, collision with another vessel or
craft plying on the waterway, vessel running aground, IWAI will arrange necessary help by diverting its nearest vessel for assistance. Nature of assistance to be provided to the stricken vessel will be decided by Director, IWAI depending upon resources available under his command and / or which can be readily arranged.

13.4 In case of IWAI vessels being deployed, actual charges for fuel and lubricants of vessels deployed by IWAI will be borne by the Operator and paid within seven days of the bill being raised by Director or his nominee. Director or his nominee shall raise the bill within three days of the assistance being rendered.

13.5 In case assistance is arranged from any outside agency, all charges shall be borne by the Operator and IWAI will not be liable for making any payment, whatsoever, to the service provider.

14 Responsibility of the Operator

14.1 The Operator shall be responsible for the following:

(i) Operator may deploy his own vessel or procure/ hire/ construct suitable vessel through other IWT/ logistic operator(s) for safe transportation of ODC. Responsibility of arranging suitable vessel for movement as per the LAD guarantee given by IWAI shall be of the Operator.

(ii) The Operator shall ensure that the vessel fully complies with requirement of Inland Vessels Act, 1917 and has valid fitness certificate and is fully insured. The barges /vessels deployed by the operator must have sufficient power through at least twin screw propulsion to attain a minimum cruising speed of 6-7 km per hour against the current going upstream through the main navigable channel and have suitable size of at least two anchors that can be lowered/hoisted through electrically/diesel engine operated winch system. The Regional Directors office, from where such ODC movement commences, shall make a physical inspection of the crafts/barges/lashing arrangement and issue permission for commencement of voyage subject to the condition that the flotilla satisfies the above conditions.

(iii) The Operator shall be solely responsible for engagement of trained crew, operation and maintenance of vessel. He shall arrange necessary repair/maintenance of the vessel at his cost.

(iv) The Operator will be responsible for arranging custom clearance, transit permit and other statutory clearance required for ODC as per Rules in vogue. All statutory clearances shall be arranged by Operator himself or through his authorized representatives.

(v) Safety of ODC is prime concern and the Operator shall arrange suitable equipments for handling of ODC as per requirement or manufacturer's recommendation at his cost. Transportation of such equipment to loading/ unloading site, its storage, operation shall be arranged by the Operator.