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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 15291/2024 and CM APPLs.64240/2024, 14268/2025**

**UTIMACO TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD.**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Amit Sibal, Sr. Advocate along with Mr. Dheeraj P. Deo, Mr. Vinay Tripathi, Mr. Darpan Sachdeva and Mr. Ankit Handa, Advocates.

versus

**UNION OF INDIA & ORS.**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG along with Ms. Nidhi Raman, CGSC, Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. R. V. Prabhat, Mr. Shubham Sharma, Mr. Naman, Mr. Yashwardhan Sharma, Ms. Sabina Shahid, Mr. Arnav Mittal, Mr. Akash Mishra and Mr. Chaitanya Shukla, Advocates for UOI.

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA**

**ORDER**

% **11.11.2025**

1. During the course of rejoinder arguments, it has been strenuously contended on behalf of the petitioner that there has been flagrant disregard of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, in proceeding to engage 'C-DOT' as a 'single source vendor' for the purpose of the work in question.
2. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner refutes the contention made by the respondents that the same has been done under Rule 194(iv)<sup>1</sup> of the

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<sup>1</sup> **Rule 194. Single Source Selection/Consultancy by nomination.**

(iv) Under some special circumstances, it may become necessary to select a particular consultant where adequate justification is available for such single-source selection in the context of the overall interest of the Ministry or Department. Full justification for single source selection should be recorded in the file and approval of the competent authority obtained before resorting to such single-source selection.



General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017.

3. He submits that Rule 194 of the GFR is *ex-facie* inapplicable. However, since it is the case of the respondents that the decision to proceed with 'C-DOT' as a 'single source vendor' is based on Rule 194(iv) of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, the concerned respondent/s is directed to file an affidavit clearly stating whether the "full justification" for the single source selection (for the purpose of compliance with Rule 194 of the GFR) was duly recorded in the file and placed for approval of the 'Competent Authority', and whether the said approval of the Competent Authority was accorded after specifically considering the provisions of Rule 194(iv) of the GFR. Let the said affidavit be filed within a period of two weeks from today.
4. Let the relevant file/records be also produced for perusal of the Court on the next date of hearing.
5. List for remaining arguments on 06.12.2025.

**SACHIN DATTA, J**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2025/r**