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General Review Comments		

A policy on Device Drivers for Procurement of Hardware for e-Governance is a most required one. Many cases of hardware procured lands into issues when the hardware vendor makes device drivers available only on a proprietary platform, which forces vendor-lock-in for the the government.

The policy has several clauses that will clearly support the overall goal of making public institutions less vulnerable to dependence on vendors. **The focus on ensuring that drivers are available for GNU/Linux operating system is essential and we congratulate DIT on such a progressive policy that will promote the public interest.**

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II-4.6.	The stipulation in II-4.6. “In case of any dispute, a committee may be set up by procuring agency with domain-experts drawn from other public agencies or the dispute may be for their claims regarding compliance to referred to DIT for advice and resolution. The committee / DIT will take decisions in the matter on case to case basis, by following the Policy.” is most welcome in relying on public agencies than industry experts who may suffer conflict of interest in providing such advice.	