

**MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF SCREENING COMMITTEE HELD ON 28.01.2015 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF HON'BLE IPH MINISTER FOR PROCUREMENT OF GI/HDPE PIPES AND GI WIRES.**

The following were present:

1. Sh. P.C. Dhiman Member  
Addl. Chief Secretary (IPH) to the  
Govt. of H.P.
2. Dr. Shrikant Baldi Member  
Principal Secretary (Finance) to the  
Govt. of H.P.
3. Sh. Punna Ram, Member  
Special Secretary (Law)  
Representative of  
LR-cum-Principal Secretary (Law) to the  
Govt. of H.P.
4. Sh. B.R. Kamal, Member  
Addl. Controller of Stores,  
Rep. of Controller of Stores, HP.
5. Sh. Rakesh Chadha, Member  
Procurement Manager,  
Rep. of Managing Director,  
HP State Civil Supplies Corpn.
6. Sh. R.K. Sharma, Member Secretary.  
Engineer-in-Chief,  
I&PH Department H.P.

The agenda items were deliberated in detail and following decisions were taken:

**Item No. 1 G.I. Pipes .:**

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The updated requirement of 4878 MT of GI Pipes of various classes and dia was deliberated upon by the committee at length and the committee opined to conditionally procure the same from L-I firms against the tenders opened on 19.08.2013, keeping in view the balance consumption pattern in the past the urgency of procurement availability of funds in the Current Financial Year 2014-15 and substantial saving in procurement in comparison to existing DGS&D Rate Contract. However the committee directed that prior to placing Supply Orders the department would scrutinize the present rates to be allowed to various L-I firms as per NIT conditions in comparison to rates allowable for procurement as per DGS&D Rate Contract valid upto 30.09.2015

as per price variation clause of both w.r.t. base rates taken in the tender/ Rate Contract. The firms should be asked to give their consent/undertaking to agree to reduce their rates further to the extent that the difference of rates should not reduce compared to difference in rates prevailing during August 2013. The analysis so done, be got approved on file from the Hon'ble IPH Minister, the Chairperson of the committee by the Engineer-in-Chief(Member Secretary) through ACS (IPH) and only thereafter, the supply order's be placed for procurement of GI Pipes after receipt of undertaking to this effect from the firms.

**Item No. II D.I. Pipes :**

The requirement of D.I. pipes of 24568 Rmt. various divisions and 122643 Rmt. for Nalagarh & Baddi town sewerage scheme was put forth to the members of the committee alongwith balances of D.I Pipes in various divisions. After deliberations, the committee approved to allow procurement of these pipes by the Chief Engineer's by call of tenders on turn key basis. Committee approved the proposal, however, committee stressed to ensure proper quality control through pre-dispatch third party and departmental inspections and ensuring rates reasonability by imposing conditions prevalent for centralized procurement of these D.I Pipes.

**Item No. III HDPE Pipes :**

The requirement of HDPE pipes for Killar, Hamirpur and Solan Divisions of 103430 Rmt. and 77028 Rmt. for C/o LIS Upper Beat Area of Una I Division was put before the committee. The committee was apprised that the same were mostly available on HPCOS Rate Contract valid upto 31.03.2015 and were required urgently for CAD works for which adequate funds for Current Financial Year 2014-15 were available.

The committee considering the above facts approved the requirement and its procurement firm HPCOS Rate Contract holding firms.

**Item No. IV G.I. Wires. :**

The committee approved the requirement of 9 MT GI Wires of Salooni Division for procurement from the HPCOS Rate Contract holding firms valid upto 31.03.2015.

**Item No. V Extension Cases. :**

The cases for regularizing the extension of delivery period beyond the time stipulated in various supply order's for various firms was deliberated upon by the members of the Committee. The Committee took a serious view on inordinate delay caused by various Executive Engineers in issuing of Excise Exemption Certificate to the firms. Committee decided to caution all the Executive Engineers. Keeping in view the

lapse on the part of the department, the Committee approved the extensions in Delivery Period, without any price escalation beyond stipulated Delivery Period for the supply orders of only Excise Exempt pipes for which Excise Exemption Certificate were essentially required for ensuring supply.

However for the Supply Orders for Non-Exempt Pipes, in which the delay is not attributed to this reason, the committee decided to direct the department to bring forth the detailed reasons for delay mentioned by the firms instead of general description of reasons cited by various firms, case-wise.

**Item No. VI Ex-post facto sanction for considering SAIL rates of firms for allowing price variations. :**

The Member Secretary apprised the committee that despite of the best efforts made by the department and the ACS (IPH) through various communications, personal efforts through RTI & even Competition Commissioning India, the SAIL has not divulged rates of HR Coil's to the department owing to confidentiality, commercial confidence and trade secret. The whole record was put up before the committee for perusal.

The committee was apprised that these facts were brought to the notice of the Chairperson on file by the department through ACS (IPH) and to allow the department to seek the rates from firms and allow price variation in the rates of the supply order, which was consented upon by the Chairperson.

The committee was satisfied with the decision taken and approved ex-post- facto sanction for the action taken.

**Item No. VII Price Variation against supply orders of G.I Pipes :**

The committee was apprised of the requirement of various firms for allowing price variation in Supply Orders of GI Pipes issued to various firms. The calculations showing recoveries to be made from the firms and dues to be paid to them, month-wise, was shown in the Memorandum.

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The committee opined that no such calculations are required to be put forth to the committee and department to take decision as per terms and conditions of NIT.

**Item No. VIII Waiving off of Liquidated damages levied on M/s Tirupati Containers Pvt. Ltd. :**

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The committee deliberated on the request of M/s Tirupati Containers Pvt. Ltd. for waiver of Liquidated damages imposed on the firm twice by the M.D. H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation owing to delay in supply of pipes beyond stipulated delivery period and opined that the departmental view alongwith their clear cut recommendations be put up.

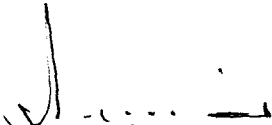
**Item No. IX Forfeiture of Earnest Money of M/s Fortune Metals Ltd. for non-supply of G.I. Pipes :**

The committee was apprised that the firm M/s Fortune Metals Ltd. failed to supply the pipes against supply orders of 1233 MT placed in favour of the firm on 22.02.2014 and accordingly, the supply order was cancelled after seeking approval of the Screening Committee in its meeting held on 25.06.2014. The pipes were procured on same rates from the L-2 firm and accordingly the earnest money of the firm needs to be forfeited. The committee opined that since order was not executed, earnest money forfeited is automatic owing to conditions of the NIT & supply orders and as such no permission approval is required from the Screening Committee on this account.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and from the chair.



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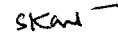
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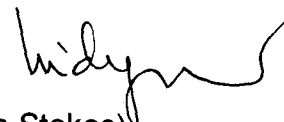
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