

MINUTES OF 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2018-19 HELD ON 12.04.2018 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE I&PH MINISTER FOR PROCUREMENT OF GI /DI/HDPE PIPES AND GI WIRE.

The following were present:

Shri Devesh Kumar, Secretary (IPH) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.	Member
Sh. Rikhi Ram, Joint Secretary Rep. of Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.	Member
Sh. R.G. Patial, General Manager, Rep. of Managing Director, HP State Civil Supplies Corporation Shimla-9.	Member
Sh. Navneet Gupta Store Purchase Officer , Rep. of Controller of Stores, HP.	Member
Sh. Anil K. Bahri, Engineer-in-Chief, I&PH Department H.P.	Member Secretary.

At the outset the Member Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble IPH Minister & Other Members for 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Screening Committee for the year 2018-19. Thereafter he gave a brief about process of pipe procurement, budget availability and Stock/MAS status of pipes.

Thereafter, discussion on agenda items followed as under:

**ITEM No. I                      Procurement of G.I. Pipes :**

The Member secretary explained that annual requirement of GI Pipes for current financial year 2018-19 is 21533 MT (Priority-I, 14764 MT & priority-II, 6769 MT. It was also clarified that total budget provision for current financial year under water supply sector is about Rs.290.00 Crore and funds for the year are received in four equal installments i.e. 25% in each quarter of the year. Hence for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter funds availability shall be approximately Rs. 72.00 Crore only whereas value of pipes of 1<sup>st</sup> priority approximately works out to Rs. 98.92 Crore. Matter regarding release of funds/LOC of two quarters in one go for procurement of priority-1<sup>st</sup> requirement of GI pipes was discussed wherein representative of finance department ensured that they shall try to make available the requisite funds for purchase of pipes in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter itself.

It was also observed by committee members that only few firms are presently eligible as per already finalized tenders of GI Pipes, hence the members were of the view that fresh tenders should be invited to ensure opportunity to more firms/manufacturers for healthy competition by relaxing some of the terms and conditions of the tender.

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After detailed discussion and deliberations committee approved the total annual requirement of G.I. Pipes for the year 2018-19 and decided to call fresh tenders after necessary amendments in the terms and conditions. The previous tenders for procurement of GI Pipes, with validity up to 31.10.2018, shall be considered as cancelled accordingly.

**ITEM No. II**                      **Procurement of D.I. Pipes :**

It was explained by the Member secretary that the requirement of DI Pipes as received from Chief Engineers is 28087 Rmt. for use in Sewerage Schemes & sufficient funds are available under deposit head for procurement of these pipes

The committee considered and approved the requirement of DI Pipes i.e. 28087 Rmt. and decided to procure the same after calling fresh tenders for current financial year. The previous tenders for procurement of D.I. Pipes, with validity up to 30.06.2018, shall be considered as cancelled accordingly.

**ITEM NO.III**                      **Procurement of HDPE Pipes:-**

Member Secretary explained that for tribal areas & ongoing HIMCAD projects, HDPE Pipes are required for which the annual requirement for the year 2018-19 has been received as 572729 Rmt.

Though previously these pipes were being procured through HPCOS rate contract but presently the rate contract has expired and as per Govt. instructions issued vide finance department notification No. FIN (C) A (3)5/2004 dated 19.07.2017, items for which there is no rate contract from controller of stores Himachal Pradesh, procurement should be made through GeM portal.

Accordingly the committee considered & approved the requirement of HDPE Pipes for its procurement through GeM Portal.

**ITEM NO.IV**                      **Procurement of G.I. Wire:-**

Member Secretary explained that the annual requirement of G.I. Wire as received form Chief Engineer Mandi, Hamirprur & Dharmshala is 80 MT for the year 2018-19.

Though previously G.I. Wire was also procured through HPCOS rate contract but presently the rate contract has expired and as per Govt. instructions items for which there is no rate contract from controller of stores Himachal Pradesh, procurement should be made through GeM portal.

Accordingly the committee considered & approved the requirement of G.I. Wire for its procurement through GeM Portal.

**ITEM NO.V**                      **Regarding procedure for procurement of GI/DI Pipes in I&PH Department.**

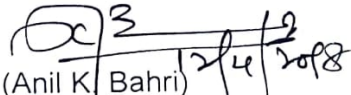
The Member Secretary explained that presently GI & DI Pipes are being procured through HP State Civil Supply Corporation Shimla-9 for which it charges 2% as service charges. But now a request has been received from H.P. Agro Industries Corporation Limited Shimla-2 through its Managing Director, wherein it has submitted willingness to undertake the work for procurement of G.I. & D.I. Pipes as being done by HP State Civil Supplies Corporation on same terms and conditions with 1.5% as service charges. The letter No AIC.B1-1/2017-91 dated 12.04.2018 from Managing Director, H.P. Agro Industries Corporation Limited Shimla-2 was placed before the committee

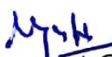
members for consideration. The representative of H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation also apprised the committee to continue to undertake the work and to negotiate the service charges. After detailed deliberations and discussion, committee approved the proposal for procurement of GI & DI Pipes through HP Agro industries Corporation Limited in place of HP State Civil supplies Corporation Limited as both corporations are Govt. undertaking.


ADDITIONAL ITEM:


- During discussion in the meeting it was pointed out by the Chairman that most of the GI pipes which are embedded underground are vulnerable to corrosion quite early thereby decreasing their useful life, whereas , pipes which are laid above ground are found to be in good shape. It was also pointed out to consider the use of DI Pipes in place of MSERW pipes in Rising/ Gravity main. After discussion on the issue, the Chairman directed to consider both these issues in technical committee of IPH Department.


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


  
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