

AS (30) No. 92 /ED/EE – MRT & MMC/F.3 Audit/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

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Puducherry, dt. 06.06.2024

To

The Senior Audit Officer / PCP – V,
Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit-II),
Tamil Nadu & Puducherry,
Camp at Electricity Department,
Puducherry 605 001

Sir,

Sub: ED- EE-MRT & MMC – Audit Slip No.30, dated
06.06.2024 - Reply – Furnished – Reg.

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With reference to the above, the reply to the Audit Slip No. 30, dated
06.06.2024 is furnished in the Annexure.

(This is done with approval of SE-cum-HO). By
07/06
AE-MMC

Yours faithfully,



EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-MRT & MMC

Encl: Annexure.

Copy to :

The Financial Controller,
Electricity Department,
Puducherry

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Annexure

Reply to the Audit Slip No: 30

(a) Procurement of 8000 Nos. of 30 Watt and 2000 Nos. of 120 Watt LED Street Light Fittings.

Supply Order have been placed for supply of 8000 Nos. of 30Watt LED Street Light Fittings to the firm M/s Zentrex Solutions, Mumbai vide LPO No. 62, dated 03.01.2024 and 2000 Nos. of 120 Watt LED Street Light Fittings to the firm M/s Kuruni Enterprises, Pudukotai vide LPO No. 66, dated 11.01.2024. An additional quantity of 2000 Nos. of 30 Watt LED Fittings was also placed to the firm M/s Zentrex Solutions, Mumbai and the firm has supplied entire quantity of 10,000 Nos. within the delivery period. Whereas the firm M/s Kuruni Enterprises has supplied the 120 Watt LED Street Light Fittings on 29.05.2024 with a delay of 10 weeks, the applicable Liquidated Damages as per terms and conditions, will be levied.

The above purchase was made through e-Tender system after obtaining GEMARPTS Report as per the department specification in the GeM Portal. Further, the submission of samples as per tender conditions by the lowest tender is not possible in the GeM Portal. Even though the item was available in the GeM Portal are not confirming to the department technical specification, the rate offered in the GeM Portal and purchase made by the department through e-Tender system on lowest tender basis would not be compared. Further, the service support after supply of materials through GeM Portal during the warranty period is not possible.

As such Audit para may be dropped.

(b) Purchase of 500 KM of ACSR 6/1/2.59 mm (30 Sq.mm) Weasel Conductor- Rs. 1.48 crore.

Supply Order has been placed to the firm M/s Cochin overhead Lines, for supply of 500 KM of ACSR 6/1/2.59 mm (30 Sq.mm) Weasel Conductor vide LPO 13 dt. 19.06.2023 stipulating delivery period within 60 days after obtaining Government

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sanction for an amount of Rs. 1,48,14,900/-. The firm has supplied 250 KM of ACSR 6/1/2.59 mm (30 Sq.mm) Weasel Conductor on 25.07.2023 i.e within the delivery period.

For supply of balance 250 KM of ACSR 6/1/2.59 mm (30 Sq.mm) Weasel Conductor, the firm has requested for extension of delivery period up to 18.09.2023.

The tender inviting authority is competent to extend the delivery period on the request of the supplier after recording the reasons in writing that the exceptional circumstances mentioned by the supplier were beyond his control and there was no loss to the government.

The reason explained by the firm have been genuine and beyond his control and there has been no work was hampered, the extension is granted upto 18.09.2023. The firm has supplied the Conductor on 05.09.2023 i.e within the extended delivery period.

As such, to levy LD does not arise and hence audit para may be dropped.

(c) Purchase of 1000 Nos of 24' Readily available RCC Poles.

Supply Order has been placed to the firm M/s Sri Shankara Precasting Pvt. Ltd., for supply of 1000 Nos of 24' Readily available RCC poles vide LPO 50 dt. 15.11.2023 stipulating delivery period within 60 days after obtaining Government sanction for an amount of Rs. 80,24,000/-. The firm has supplied 500 Nos of 24' Readily available RCC Poles on 27.12.2023 i.e within the delivery period.

For supply of balance 500 Nos of 24' RCC pole, the firm has requested for extension of delivery period upto 05.02.2024.

The tender inviting authority is competent to extend the delivery period on the request of the supplier after recording the reasons in writing that the exceptional circumstances mentioned by the supplier were beyond his control and there was no loss to the government.

The reason explained by the firm have been genuine and beyond his control and there has been no work was hampered, the extension is granted upto 05.02.2024. The firm has supplied the poles on 02.02.2024 i.e within the extended delivery period.

As such, levy of LD does not arise and hence audit para may be dropped.

(d) Purchase of 1000 Nos of 30' Readily available RCC Poles.

Supply Order has been placed to the firm M/s Sri Shankara precasting Pvt Ltd., for supply of 1000 Nos of 30' Readily available RCC poles vide LPO 49 dt. 15.11.2023 stipulating delivery period within 60 days after obtaining Government sanction for an amount of Rs. 97,35,000/-. The firm has supplied 500 Nos of 30' Readily available RCC Poles on 27.12.2023 i.e within the delivery period.

For supply of balance 500 Nos of 30' RCC pole, the firm has requested for extension of delivery period upto 08.03.2024.

The tender inviting authority is competent to extend the delivery period on the request of the supplier after recording the reasons in writing that the exceptional circumstances mentioned by the supplier were beyond his control and there was no loss to the government".

The reason explained by the firm have been genuine and beyond his control and there has been no work hampered, the extension is granted upto 08.03.2024. The firm has supplied the poles on 08.03.2024 i.e within the extended delivery period.

As such, levy of LD does not arise and hence audit para may be dropped.

(e) Purchase of 15 Nos. of Outdoor type 315 KVA, 11/0.433 KV Three Phase ONAN Energy Efficient Level – 1, Distribution Transformer.

Supply Order has been placed to the firm M/s Sakthi Transformers, for supply of 15 Nos. of Outdoor type 315 KVA, 11/0.433 KV Three Phase ONAN Energy Efficient Level – 1, Distribution Transformer vide LPO 79 dt. 25.03.2023 stipulating delivery period within 60 days after obtaining Government sanction for an amount of Rs. 1,05,99,645/-. The firm has requested for extension of delivery period up to 12.07.2023.

As the tender inviting authority is competent to extend the delivery period on the request of the supplier after recording the reasons in writing that the exceptional circumstances mentioned by the supplier were beyond his control and there was no loss to the government .

The reason explained by the firm have been genuine and beyond his control and there has been no work hampered, the extension is granted upto 30.06.2023. The firm has supplied the transformer on 19.06.2023 i.e within the extended delivery period.

As such, levy of LD does not arise and hence audit para may be dropped.

(f) Purchase of EHV grade transformer Oil for use in Electricity Department Rs. 96,74,936/- (Dt. December / 2013)

Supply order has been placed to the firm M/s Powerlink Oil Refinery Ltd., for supply of 100 Kltrs of EHV Grade Transformer Oil for an amount of Rs. 96,74,936/- vide LPO No. 99, dated 02.11.2014. As per terms and conditions of supply order, the firm has offered inspection of EHV Grade Transformer Oil at factory works. But, due to pre-occupied works of Inspection Authority and also non-availability of train tickets, the department has decided to waive the inspection and intimated the firm. However, the firm has instructed to conduct test as per IS in third party NABL accredited laboratory and furnish test report. Accordingly the firm has conducted test as per IS at ERDA, Vadodra from 14.07.2014 to 30.07.2014 and furnish test report to the department on 07.08.2024. Since the test results conforming to the IS and as per technical specification, the department has issued despatch clearance on 25.08.2024.

In this regard, it is submitted that, a provision for testing of EHV Grade Transformer Oil in the third party laboratory was included in the technical specification itself. Accordingly this department has instructed the supplier to conduct test in third party NABL Accredited Laboratory. Since non-availability of testing date in the laboratory, the firm has tested the Oil only from on 14.07.2014 to 30.07.2024. The delay is only on getting testing data from laboratory only. Though, the inspection was conducted by the department official, the test was conducted in the third party NABL Accredited Laboratory only from 14.07.2014 to 30.07.2024.

As such, the delay is not in department side and para may be dropped.



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