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KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

Installation of 10kWp Off-Grid DDG Solar PV plant at Allimooppan colony-Refund of deposit amount - Orders issued.

Corporate Office (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings)

B.O. (FTD) No.241 /2021/ CE(REES)/Projects/AE-2/ SPV-Allimooppan/10KWP/off-grid/
2020-21/1652) Thiruvananthapuram Dated 31.03.2021

- Read: 1. B.O(Dir-corPlg, Gen-Ele.SCM &Safety) No.1008/2018CE(REES)/Projects/AEEII/RGGVY-DDG/2018-19 Dated. 19.04.2018 Thiruvananthapuram
2. Proceedings No. CE(REES)/Projects/AE-2/SPV-Allimooppan/10KWp off-grid/2019-20/1721 dated 06.01.2020 of the Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings)
3. Letter No. CEDN/AEE2/PKD/20-21/2151 dated 19.02.2021 of the Chief Engineer (Distribution North)
4. Letter No. DB2/Allimooppan//Refund/2020-21 dated 24.02.2021 of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Palakkad
5. Note No.CE(REES)/Projects/AE-2/SPV-Allimooppan/10KWp off-grid/2020-21/1601 dated 15.03.2021 of the Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings) to the Director (Planning, Safety & REES)
6. Note No. CE (REES)/Projects/AE-2/SPV-Allimooppan/10KWp off-grid/2020-21/1652 dated 23.03.2021 of the Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings) submitted to the Full Time Directors (Agenda72/3/21)

ORDER

KSEBL as per paper read as 1st above accorded sanction for tendering the work of installation of additional 10kWp off-grid DDG solar PV plant by using tribal fund of the financial year 2018-19 for electrification of the 29 nos households of Thekkadi Allimooppan colony at Parambikulam in Palakkad(Dist). The Tribal Department remitted an amount of Rs 40,12,829/- (Rs 24,07,697/- on 12.10.2018 and Rs 16,05,132/- on 25.10.2018) at Electrical Division, Chittoor for installing 10kWp additional off-grid solar plant at Allimooppan Tribal Colony, Thekkadi, Parambikulam under Electrical Section, Muthalamada. The Sanction was accorded from the office of the Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings) as per proceedings read as 2nd above for an estimate amounting to Rs 37,31,357/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred & Fifty Seven Only) for the work and it was requested to invite e-tender for the work from the O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Palakkad.

Accordingly, vide Tender ID No. 2020_KSEB_346907_1 dated 28.02.2020, e-tender was invited from Electrical Circle, Palakkad for the work. The Probable amount of the contract was Rs. 37,31,357/-. In response to that, three tenders were received. As the lowest bidder failed to submit any relevant details/documents necessitating for qualification as per tender clause the same was rejected. Regarding the other tenders opened, M/s Voltech Engineers Pvt. Ltd., quoted 33.685% above and M/s Smartenersol Renewables Pvt. Ltd. quoted 67.253% above the estimated PAC. M/s Voltech Engineers Pvt. Ltd. was requested to submit their rock bottom rate. However, M/s Voltech Engineers Pvt. Ltd. informed that they cannot reduce their quoted rate as the rate submitted by them for the tender is among the lowest possible margin in the market.

As the price quoted by the firm was 33.68% above the estimate rate and the same was beyond the delegation of the Deputy Chief Engineer or Chief Engineer, it was decided to cancel the e-tender and to re-tender the work.

The work was re-tendered from Electrical Circle, Palakkad vide Tender ID No. 2020_KSEB_346907_3 dated 02.12.2020, the technical bid was opened on 30.12.2020.

Three bidders participated in the tender. On verification of the documents, it was observed that M/s R.R Power Solutions failed to submit the required documents, even though they were granted enough time. Hence they were disqualified from opening the price bid. The financial bid of balance two bidders for the subject work was opened on 23.01.2021. Quoted rate for the other bidders were M/s Voltech Engineers Pvt Ltd, Rs.54,54,054.18 (46.168% above PAC) and M/s Smartenersol Renewables Pvt Ltd, Rs. 62,40,800.00 (67.25% above PAC)

Even after negotiation, the firm M/s Voltech Engineers Pvt. Ltd. did not reduce the rate. Since the tender excess is beyond the delegation limit of their office, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Palakkad has requested sanction for proceeding further and the same was forwarded vide letter read as 3rd above.

Meanwhile the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Palakkad as per letter read as 4th above has reported that a meeting was convened with the District Collector, Palakkad on 22.02.2021 along with Tribal Development Officer, Palakkad and Project Officer, ANERT, Palakkad.

The Tribal Development Officer, Palakkad informed that M/s ANERT, Palakkad has already submitted an offer to install 47kWp solar plant along with the distribution network and house wiring for an amount of Rs 59 lakhs. In the meeting, the District Collector, Palakkad mentioned that since M/s ANERT has agreed to install higher capacity plant at a lower prize (47kWp instead of 10 kWp at a cost of Rs 59 lakhs), where as KSEBL requires Rs 54,54,054.18/- for installing 10kWp plant along with distribution network and house wiring, it will be better to get the work done by M/s ANERT. In that case, KSEBL has to refund the already remitted amount of Rs 40,12,829/-.

Hence, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Palakkad requested to accord sanction to refund the amount of Rs 40,12,829/- to Tribal Development Officer, Palakkad since the quoted rate offered even by the lowest bidder is exorbitantly high even after repeated e-tendering of the subject work.

The matter was placed before Director (Planning, Safety & REES) for a decision as per note read as 5th above wherein it was directed to place the matter before the Full Time Directors. Accordingly the matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 6th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 26.03.2021, resolved to accord sanction to:

1. Refund the deposit amount of Rs 40,12,829/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty Nine only) to Tribal Development Officer, Palakkad since the quoted rate offered by the lowest bidder is exorbitantly high even after repeated e-tendering of the work of installation of 10kWp Off-Grid DDG Solar PV plant at Allimooppan colony.
2. Further resolved to authorise the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Chittoor to refund the amount of Rs 40,12,829/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty Nine only) to the Tribal Development Officer, Palakkad.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By the order of the Full Time Directors
Sd/-

LEKHA G
Company Secretary in Charge

To

1. The Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings)
2. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Palakkad
3. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Chittoor

Copy to:

The Chief Engineer (IT & CR)/The Financial Advisor/ The Chief Internal Auditor / TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ PA to Director (Finance)/ TA to Director (T&SO)/ TA to Director (Generation Electrical & SCM)/ TA to Director (Generation Civil/ TA to Director (Distribution, IT&HRM)/TA to Director (Planning, Safety & REES) with full additioanl charge of Soura/ Senior CA to Secretary (Admn.)/Company Secretary/ Fair copy Section/Library/Stock File..

Forwarded by order

