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Abstract

Implementation of 50 MW Floating Solar Project at West Kallada by NHPC under UMREPP scheme of MNRE - Sanctioned – Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (Renewable Energy & Energy Savings)

B.O.(FTD)No.689/2020 (No: CE (REES)/AEE8 /West Kallada/2020-21)Thiruvananthapuram,
dated 10 .11.2020

- Read: 1. B.O. (FTD) No: 258/2020/CE (REES)/Projects/AEE2/West Kallada/2019-20 dated
TvpM 31-3-2020.
2. Letter No.CE (REES)/West Kallada FS/2020-21/671/dated 23.09.2020 of the Chief
Engineer(REES).
3. Note No. CE (REES)/AEE8 /West Kallada/2020-21 dated: 14.10.2020 of the
Director (Planning, Safety & REES). (Agenda 8/11/20).

ORDER

An MOU was signed with the Government of Kerala for establishing a 50 MW Solar Power Plant with a VGF of Rs. 13.8 Cr at West Kallada and the first phase of which is 10 MW. The land identified for this purpose is at West Kallada, Kollam District and belongs to various private individuals. A lease deed for the land required for 10 MW was signed between KSEBL and M/s. WKNCEPPL formed including the land owners, on 24-8-2019 for the transfer of Water body of 27.589 hectares (68.17 acres) with subsequent handing over to M/s. NHPC through an MoU signed on 31.8-2019. The Lease Deed was registered at the Sub Registrar Office, Sasthamkotta on 23-12-2019. KSEBL has incurred expenditure of Rs. 4,32,700/- towards stamp duty charges.

KSEBL as per B.O read as 1st above has accorded sanction to M/s. NHPC to go ahead with the 50 MW floating Solar Project instead of the previously sanctioned 10 MW floating Solar Project at West Kallada as requested by M/s NHPC to avail the benefits of the Schemes under UMREPP. Based on CFA of Rs. 40 lakhs per MW, M/s. NHPC has

expressed their willingness to take up the Project with the 50 MW at a rate between Rs. 2.75 and Rs. 3.50 per Unit.

Since huge water body of about 330 Acres is required for the project, to avoid any impediments in future, M/s NHPC was directed to avail the service of retired officials from Revenue Department for the proper scrutiny and verification of the land records. Accordingly, M/s NHPC has arranged the work of verification of land records and preparation of data for the land/ water body portion involved in the construction of the balance 40 MW through Mrs. Baby Sudheera, Rtd. Tahasildar & Executive Magistrate.

Meanwhile the Director (Planning, Safety & REES) as per note read as 3rd above has informed that the scope of the project has now changed to UMREPP and as per the 'Guidelines for Development of Solar Parks Government of India, MNRE, October 2015', the Implementing Agency of Solar Parks is the Solar Power Park Developer (SPPD) and the SPPD will be nominated by the State Government. In this case, M/s. NHPC is the SPPD and a Government Order has to be issued nominating M/s. NHPC as SPPD of the Project. Also a committee has to be set up under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Power/Energy/Renewable Energy) of the State Government, having CEO of the SPPD, head of State Nodal Agency (SNA) and three experts in the field of Renewable Energy and Power Systems as members of the Committee. And the land for UMREPP to be allotted with a condition that the development must be completed within two years failing which the State Government may take back the allotted land in consultation with MNRE. Further as per Guidelines it is the responsibility of the SPPD to acquire the whole land required for setting up the Project and the Guidelines permit the SPPD to leasehold land for establishing Solar Park. The cost involved in acquisition of land will form part of the total cost of the project. It is also informed that proposal for UMREPP was already submitted to the Government of Kerala as per letter read 2nd above for forwarding to MNRE for sanction. It was recommended to take up the matter with Govt. of Kerala for issuing G.O. incorporating the specific conditions as above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors meeting held on 04.11.2020 resolved to accord sanction to request the Govt. of Kerala to issue G.O. incorporating the following:-

1. Nominating M/s NHPC as the SPPD for the implementation of 50 MW West Kallada Floating Solar Project under UMREPP scheme of MNRE following Guidelines and its amendments issued by the MNRE from time to time.
2. M/s NHPC shall acquire the entire land required for the 50 MW in total on lease from M/s WKNCEPPL as per prevailing rules in line with the guidelines and to refund the amount of Rs. 4,32,700/- incurred by KSEBL towards stamp duty charges for registering the land required for the 10 MW on receipt of first installment of CFA from MNRE which includes cost of land also.
3. The land acquired as above may be allotted with a condition that the development must be completed within two years failing which the State Government may take back the allotted land in consultation with MNRE.
4. A committee may be set up under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Power/Energy/Renewable Energy) of the State Government, having CEO of the SPPD, head of State Nodal Agency (SNA) and three experts in the field of Renewable Energy and Power Systems as members of the Committee.
5. M/s NHPC may develop the external transmission system also in consultation with KSEBL utilizing the CFA.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors
Sd/-
(LEKHA .G)
Company Secretary (In Charge).

To: The Chief Engineer (REES)

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