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**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED**

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Abstract

Setting up of 100 MW Solar park at Cheemeni and 5 MW at Nellithadam in Ambalathara village, Kasargode – requesting competitive tariff from CPSUs - Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (Planning)

B.O. (FTD) No. 84/2021 (CE (C&P)/Solar/200MW Bid /2020-21) dated Tvpm, 29.01.2021

Read: 1. MoU between SECI and KSEBL dated 18.2.2015.

2. Note No.D(T&SO)/T4/Solar-Cheemeni/2020-21/1149 dated 23.12.2020 of the Director (T&SO).
3. Note No. CE (C&P)/Solar Park-Ksd-Cheemeni/2020-21/949 dated 18.01.2021 of the Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial and Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer (Agenda No.55/1/21)

ORDER

The Solar park scheme was declared by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and accordingly 200 MW Solar Power Park was proposed in the Kasargod District of Kerala. For the development and management of proposed Solar park, a Joint Venture company between KSEBL and SECI with 50% equity for both partners was incorporated on 15th January 2016 under the name "Renewable Power Corporation of Kerala Limited (RPCKL) under the Companies Act 2013.

The Director (T&SO) as per note read as 2nd above has intimated that 500 acres of land was allocated by the GoK in two 250 acres plot respectively in Ambalathara and Paivalike regions in Kasargod for setting up 105 MW Solar park under Phase I. Already 100 MW has been developed at this park. At the 27 acres of unutilised land at Nellithadam in Ambalathara village, a 5 MW Solar plant was proposed, which is yet to be developed. Even though the PPA for developing 5 MW project was earlier executed with THDCIL and KSEBL, due to certain technical and commercial constraints, THDCIL have intimated their inability to proceed with PPA and project execution. The CEO, RPCKL has reported that time limit for finalising the developer for the project under phase I is 31.3.2021 and if the developer identification and financial closure is not achieved before the timeline, the 105MW Solar park of Phase I is liable to be short closed, losing 1 crore CFA. Further, RPCKL is now having an advance possession of another 475 acres of revenue land in Cheemeni village for developing 100 MW Solar project under UMREEP scheme.

Considering the time constraint in assigning the project developer, the Deputy Chief Engineer with full powers of Chief Engineer as per the note read as 3rd above has suggested that

KSEBL may request reputed Central public sector companies like SECI, IREDA, THDCIL, NTPC, and NHPC to submit offers indicating the ceiling rate for purchase of power from the 100 MW project proposed at Cheemeni and the 5MW project at Nellithadam on the condition that the final tariff for the project shall be the project specific tariff determined by the Appropriate Commission or the ceiling rate offered by the selected firm, whichever is lower.

KSEBL shall furnish the project specific details like details of land sketch, satellite images etc shared by RPCKL as well as the draft PSA proposed to be executed. The offers are to be invited on behalf of RPCKL, since the allotment of land is by RPCKL only. The criteria for selection of the firm for allotment of developer by RPCKL shall be the lowest offered ceiling tariff for the 105MW project. The outcome of the selection process shall be intimated to RPCKL by KSEBL immediately on conclusion of the process.

The Deputy Chief Engineer with full powers of Chief Engineer has also suggested that the above CPSUs may be granted 14 days for submission of their offers in prescribed format placed as Annexure A. RPCKL shall be vested with the role of implementation of the Solar park through the selected Developer as per the finalised DPR.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 20.01.2021, resolved to accord sanction to request SECI, IREDA, THDCIL, NTPC and NHPC to submit offers in the prescribed format (Annexure A) within 15.02.2021 offering the ceiling tariff for the combined capacity of 105 MW Solar project proposed at Cheemeni and at Nellithadam, Kasargode based on the project specific details and draft PSA furnished by KSEBL, for the allotment of the developer for the 105 MW project by RPCKL.

Orders are issued accordingly

By Order of the Full Time Directors,
Sd/-
LEKHA.G
Company Secretary in-charge

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer.

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Assistant Executive Engineer