Minutes of meeting of the inter-Departmental Tender Committee for Procurement of 20 lakh bicycles under Sabooj Sathi Phase-VI

Date: 17/11/2020

Venue: Conference Hall, WB SC ST & OBC Development & Finance Corporation, Salt Lake

Present:

- 1. Shri Atonu Chatterjee, Additional Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department-Chairman
- 2. Shri Bijan Mondal, Additional Secretary, Tribal Development Department
- 3. Sri Subhra Chakraborty, State Project Director, SSM
- 4. Shri P. Manna, MD, WB SC ST & OBC Development & Finance Corporation
- 5. Shri Babulal Hembram, Financial Advisor, BCW Department & TD Department
- 6. Shri Satyabrata Halder, District Manager, WB SC ST & OBC Development & Finance Corporation
- 7. Shri Bhargav Mitra, Principal Associate, Fox & Mandal, Solicitors & Advocates
- 8. Shri Amit Ghosh, National Informatics Centre

As per the Bidding Schedule, pre-bid meeting was held with the representatives of prospective bidders on Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 at 3 P.M.

- 1. Prospective bidder, Hero Cycles Ltd. suggested they will submit an additional letter from the bank who had issued the Bid Security Bank Guarantee for the earlier tender bearing Ref. No. 2918/SCTB dated 7/10/2020, that such Bank Guarantee will be applicable for the present tender bearing Ref. No. 3079/SCTB dated 12/11/2020. Such suggestion made by the prospective bidder was found to be acceptable and it was decided to allow bidders to submit such additional letter. However, as the present tender already states that the earlier Bid Security Bank Guarantee will be acceptable, it was decided by the Committee that no corrigendum will be required to be made in this respect.
- 2. The Committee also considered two letters both dated 17th November, 2020 from Hero Ecotech Ltd. and S.K. Bikes Ltd. Hero Ecotech Ltd. in its letter had suggested relaxation of eligibility criteria pertaining to actual manufacture of bicycles from 10, 00,000 to 7, 00,000 bicycles per year in each of the last 3 financial years, viz. 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. S.K. Bikes Ltd. has suggested relaxation of eligibility criteria pertaining to actual manufacture of bicycles from 10,00,000 bicycles per year in each of the last 3 financial years, viz. 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, to manufacture of an average of 10,00,000 bicycles during the last 3 financial years.
- 3. The Committee, after careful consideration of the facts that the present eligibility criteria has been approved by appropriate authority of the State Government considering the timeline of supply of bicycles and the past experience, the authority approved the second call keeping the eligibility criteria unaltered and the present eligibility criteria has consistently been followed for more than past 3 years, is of the view that such proposals for

relaxation of actual manufacturing capacity criteria arbitrarily are beyond the scope of consideration by the committee and hence no relaxation is allowed and no corrigendum is required.

- 4. No other suggestion was received from the prospective bidders.
- 5. The Committee emphasized the strict compliance by the prospective bidders of the Bidding Schedule as contained in the Bidding Documents.
- 6. The Committee further decided that the resolution of the pre-bid meeting be uploaded in the official website of WB SC ST & OBC Development and Finance Corporation (wbbcdev.gov.in) and Saboojsathi (wbsaboojsathi.gov.in) in addition to e-tender portal (wbtenders.gov.in) of the State Government.

Sd-**Chairman**