

ABSTRACT

Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project (40MW) - Cutting and removal of 107 Nos. of standing trees (Forest trees) in the acquired land for the reservoir area at Valara - Confirmation of auction - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

Corporate Office (SBU-G/C)

BO (FTD)No.330/2023(No.DGC/AEEIII/Thottiyar/2014) Thiruvananthapuram,Dated: 30.06.2023

- Read: 1. Proceedings No. A1-899/2022 dated 23.01.2023 of the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, Idukki.
2. Survey Report sanction Order No. CECCS/THEP/2016/1890 dated 15.02.2023 of the Chief Engineer (Civil - Construction) South.
3. Letter No. A1:899/2022 dated 12.05.2023 of the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, Idukki.
4. Note No. CE-CSS-TVM-AE4/2022/908 dated 16.05.2023 of the Chief Engineer (Civil - Construction) South.
5. Note No. DGC/AEEIII/Thottiyar/2014 (19) dated 12.06.2023 of the Director (Generation - Civil) to the Full Time Directors. (Agenda Item No. 60/06/23).

ORDER

The construction activities of the Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project (40MW) are nearing completion and the commercial operation is scheduled to commence during the forthcoming monsoon period. Prior to the commissioning of the project, all the standing trees in the reservoir area have to be cleared to enable impounding the reservoir to its maximum capacity.

There were 1208 Nos. of agricultural trees standing in the reservoir area acquired by KSEBL. These trees had been auctioned through e-tender cum auction by the Project Manager, Thottiyar HEP at the offered amount of Rs.13,50,000/- which was 67.56% above circa bid value and the work of cutting and removal of these trees are in progress.

The Chief Engineer (Civil - Construction) South has reported that 107 Nos of trees of various forest species are also standing in the area. As per the order read as 1st above, the Assistant Forest Conservator, Social Forestry Division has accorded sanction for cutting and removal of these trees. The value of 107 Nos. of standing forest trees assessed by the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division was Rs.9,53,015/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Three Thousand and Fifteen only).

Accordingly, e-Tender cum auction was conducted by the Project Manager, THEP, Karimanal for the disposal of 107 Nos. of standing forest trees in the acquired land for reservoir area after giving wide publicity. But only one bidder participated in the tender. After repeated retendering and extending the bid submission dates, two bidders submitted the tender and the highest amount quoted in the tender was Rs.2,50,000/-. An e-auction was then scheduled through online on 26.04.2023, by fixing highest amount in

the tender as the base value (ie, Rs.2,50,000/-). However, nobody participated in the e-auction.

In the e-tender, the highest amount of Rs.2,50,000/- was offered by Sri. K.S Mohanan, Kallooppambil House, Pothamedu P.O, Munnar, which was 74% below the assessed value of Rs.9,53,015/-.

In the meantime, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Civil Circle, Kothamangalam approached the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, Idukki seeking the possibility of reducing the assessed value (valuation amount) considering the huge variation in valuation amount and the tendered amount. The Assistant Conservator of Forest as per letter read as 3rd above has intimated that the valuation has been done according to the rate fixed by the Government in Forest Department and they are not empowered to reduce the assessed value.

The Chief Engineer (Civil- Construction) South as per note read as 4th above has reported that considering the topography and the expenses towards cutting and transportation of the standing trees, chances for getting better offers on re-tendering are too remote and has requested sanction to confirm the auction to the highest bidder, Sri. K.S. Mohanan, Kallooppambil House, Pothamedu P.O, Munnar at his offered amount of Rs.2,50,000/- (74% below circa bid value) for disposing off 107 Nos. of standing forest trees in the reservoir area of Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project.

The total amount to be remitted by the highest bidder including all taxes is Rs.3,17,125/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five only).

As per the Delegation of Powers under Clause 17.2(b), the Chief Engineer is competent to sanction confirmation of auction up to an assessed value of Rs.10.00 Lakh, provided the bid amount is not less than 60% of the assessed value. In this case, the bid value is only 26% of the assessed value.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 23.06.2023 as per note read as 5th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 23.06.2023 resolved to accord sanction to confirm the auction for the disposal of 107 Nos. of standing forest trees in the reservoir area of Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project, to the highest bidder, Sri. K.S. Mohanan, Kallooppambil House, Pothamedu P.O, Munnar at his offered amount of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only).

Orders are issued accordingly.

**By Order of the
Full Time Directors**

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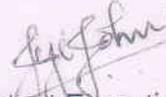
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The Chief Engineer (Civil - Construction) South, Thiruvananthapuram.

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