

ABSTRACT

Implementation of Olikkal (5.00MW/ 10.26Mu) & Poovaramthodu (3.00MW/ 5.88Mu) SHEPs – Re-Tender cum Auction of trees cut from Poovaramthodu Project site – confirmation of auction – Sanctioned – Orders issued.

Corporate Office (SBU - G/C)

BO (FTD)No.357/2023(No.DGC/AEEIII/O&P/2014)

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 31.07.2023

- Read: 1. Agreement No. CECCN/03/22-23 dated 01.09.2022 & Agreement No. CECCN/04/22-23 dated 01.09.2022.
2. Office Order (DGC) No. 1548/2020 (DGC/AEE-III/OLKL&PVM/2015) dated 07.12.2020.
3. Letter No. CECCN/DB/08/O&PSHEPs/2010 dated 21.11.2022 of the Chief Engineer (Civil- Construction) North.
4. Note No. DGC/AEEIII/O&P/2014 (15) dated 12.07.2023 of the Director (Generation - Civil) to the Full Time Directors. (Agenda 03/07/23)

ORDER

The Olikkal Small Hydro Electric Project and Poovaramthodu Small Hydro Electric Project are two cascading runoff river schemes proposed by KSEBL in the Chaliyar river basin in Kozhikode District. Execution of Civil and Electro Mechanical works of Olikkal & Poovaramthodu SHEPs were awarded to M/s PGCCPL-FEPL Consortium at their quoted amount of Rs 89,00,38,810/-. The work commenced on 19.09.2022 and scheduled date of completion is 01.07.2025.

As per order read as 2nd above, KSEBL has accorded sanction for inviting short tender/quotation for cutting approximately 2215 standing trees from the project sites of Olikkal & Poovaramthodu SHEPs, stacking them in suitable accessible points of each project and disposing the stacked wood through tender cum public auction.

Accordingly, an estimate amounting to Rs 12,64,277/- was sanctioned by the Project Manager, Olikkal & Poovaramthodu SHEPs for cutting and removing 2207 trees (after assessing the minimum number of trees to be cut and removed through detailed survey) and the work was arranged through a contractor.

The Contractor had cut and stacked 1691 trees only. (1418 trees out of 1469 from the Olikkal site and 273 out of 738 from the Poovaramthodu site). The contract was terminated at the risk and cost of the contractor on 09.06.2022 as he has not completed the work. The balance 516 trees are to be cut and stacked.

The 1418 trees cut and stacked from the Olikkal site were auctioned through two separate auctions and total amount obtained is Rs 2,37,057/- (including taxes).

The Chief Engineer (Civil-Construction) North, as per the letter read as 3rd above, has reported that the tender cum auction of trees from Poovaramthodu site (265 coconut and arecanut trees-below 75cm girth and 8 trees above 75cm girth) with an assessed value of Rs 85,876/- was conducted 3 times. Later, in the retender cum auction invited on 17.10.2022, no one participated in the tender, but 3 persons participated in the auction conducted on 07.11.2022. The highest amount offered is Rs 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) by Sri. Balakrishnan Nair. M.T, Amrutha House, Aythaca, Ranni (P.O), Pathanamthitta District.

The Chief Engineer has reported the reasons for the low quotes for the wood in the auction as (i) Most of the coconut and arecanut trees are of young age and is already in decaying stage. (ii) Remaining trees are of very small girth having no timber value and can be utilized only as fire wood. (iii) The location is thinly populated hilly area and the inhabitants do not purchase firewood. (iv) The cost of transportation is very high. As the work at the project site has already been commenced, the trees are to be removed from the site urgently and chances of getting better offer are remote. The offered rate is 95.34% below the assessed value.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per the note read as 4th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 27.07.2023 resolved to accord sanction for confirming the auction of 273 No. of trees cut and stacked from Poovaramthodu SHEP site (265 Nos. of coconut and arecanut trees - below 75cm girth and 8 No. of trees above 75cm girth) in favour of Sri. Balakrishnan Nair. M.T, Amrutha House, Aythaca, Ranni (P.O.), Pathanamthitta District, at his offered rate of Rs. 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) with applicable taxes.

Further resolved that proposal to streamline the issue shall be submitted within seven days.

Orders are issued accordingly.

**By Order of the
Full Time Directors**

Sd/-

**LEKHA G
Company Secretary**

To:

The Chief Engineer (Civil-Construction) North, Kozhikode.

Copy to: The Chief Engineer (IT,CR&CAPS)/ Financial Advisor/ LA&DEO/ Chief Internal Auditor/ Company Secretary

The TA to the Chairman & Managing Director / Director (Generation-Civil) /

Director (Distribution, Safety, SCM & IT) / Director (Transmission, SO &

Planning)/ Director (Generation - Electrical, REES, SOURA, Sports & Welfare)

The PA to the Director (Finance & HRM)

The Sr.CA to the Secretary (Administration)
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Assistant Executive Engineer