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NOTICE

Sub: Clarification/Addendum/Corrigendum/Time Extension in response to clarification sought by various firms in respect of tender no. 01 of 2026.

In the clause No.5 of tender no. 01 of 2026, it has been provided that consultancy firms can send queries by 07/08/2026 for clarification on any aspect of the tender. In response, some consultancy firms have sought clarification. In reference to the above, following Clarification/Addendum/Corrigendum/Time-Extension for submission of bids are issued:

2. In relation to QUALIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT, request for review minimum annual turnover of 10 Cr. stating same to be disproportionate to the project's actual scope and value. It is appropriate to set the minimum annual turnover threshold equivalent to 200% (2 times) of the estimated value of the assignment as recommended in the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy Services, Government of India (Second Edition, 2025). In this regard, the Commission is of the view that the eligibility criteria prescribed in the tender, including the minimum annual turnover requirement of Rs.10 crore, have been stipulated keeping in view the nature, scope and significance of the assignment. The prescribed criteria are considered necessary to ensure participation of firms having adequate financial and organizational capacity to undertake the assignment effectively.

In view of the above, the request for review of the annual turnover criterion in the tender cannot be accepted.

3. In relation to Chapter-2, Terms of Reference: Clause 1(d), clarification has been sought that the examination of costs and expenses for the purpose of true-up is to be carried out on the basis of the annual audited accounts of the Generating Company. However, the applicable CSERC MYT Regulations provide for computation of Energy Charge Rate (ECR) on a monthly basis for generating stations. In view of this, confirmation has been sought whether the ECR under the present assignment is to be computed and validated on an annual basis or on a monthly basis for each of the petitions/control periods covered under this tender. Further, as per our understanding, the scrutiny, verification, and validation of data pertaining to fuel cost computation shall be carried out based on the audited annual accounts/ auditor certified forms, and the validation of monthly fuel cost data (where applicable) shall be carried out on a sample basis.

In regards to the above, it is confirmed that above understanding correct and hence, confirmed.

4. It clarified that firms are allowed to submit necessary demand draft issued from any scheduled bank.
5. Some firms have requested to review the liquidated damages and change the same from maximum 10% of contract value to maximum of 5% of contract value. Also, request has been received to change LD for 1% per week to 0.5% per week.

In this regard, it is clarified that there will be no change in the LD clause as far as above percent is concerned.

6. It has been submitted that the duration/end date of the contract is not mentioned in the RfP and the same is open-ended. Hence, it has been requested to mention the end date of the contract for ease of contracting purposes.

In regards to the above, it is clarified that the completion period of the work will be 120 days from the issue of order and the end date

of the contract will be 180 days from the date of completion of entire work.

7. Following disqualification para is added to the Clause-1 of Chapter-1 of the tender document:

“Any Firm, who has been awarded or the award is under process for providing consultancy service related to Tariff Petitions of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (being beneficiary of generating companies) are also advised not to submit bid as same shall be disqualified due to conflict of Interest”.

8. Considering the request of the firms for reviewing QUALIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT, the Commission has changed period for completing required number of jobs from 5 years to 10 years. Now, the firms, for being eligible, should complete required number of jobs in last 10 years.
9. Details of the work completed in last 10 years should be submitted in Annexure-I provided with tender document.
10. In respect of the request for specifying the expected team structure/key positions to be deployed for this engagement, such as Project Director, Project Manager, Regulatory Expert, Financial Analyst, Technical Expert, Legal/Regulatory Support, Data Analyst, and other support staff, along with any minimum qualification or experience requirement for each role, it is clarified that it is up to the consultancy firms to design the structure of team keeping focus on completion of work up to the satisfaction of the Commission and within stipulated time frame.
11. In relation to Disqualification clause, it is clarified that restriction applies only to assignments related to the tariff petitions only.
12. In relation to request to adopt a Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) or suitable technical-cum-financial evaluation method instead of selection purely on L1 basis. In this regard, it is clarified that above request cannot be accepted because eligibility criteria

mentioned in the tender document will take care the issue of competency of the consultancy firm.

13. In relation to review the payment terms, it is clarified that payment shall be made petition-wise as per the terms of payment mentioned in the tender document, hence, non-completion of one petition shall have no effect payment related to disposal of other petition.
14. In relation to request for hybrid working i.e. physical presence and video conferencing, it is clarified that physical deployment of team will be required depending on the needs. Assignment may be completed through dual mode i.e. physical meetings and meeting through video conferencing. It is not compulsory to deploy team during entire duration of work.
15. Regarding overall project duration, it is clarified that the completion period of the work will be 120 days from the issue of order and the end date of the contract will be 180 days from the date of completion of entire work.
16. In relation of new clause for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), it is clarified that the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document are adequate for smooth functioning of the project, hence, no need to add any new clause of IPR.
17. In relation of new clause related to termination opportunity with consultant, following clause is added in the tender;
"The Consultant may suspend or terminate the Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days in case:
 - a) The Client does not make the payment to the Consultant.
 - b) The Client does not adhere to the arbitration judgment.
 - c) If the Consultant determines that a law, regulation or anything having similar import, or circumstances (including cases where the Client's ownership or constitution has changed), makes the Consultant's performance of the Contract impermissible or in conflict

with independence or professional rules applicable to the Consultant.”

18. In relation to Indemnity’s limit, it is clarified that terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document are adequate for smooth functioning of the project, hence, no change is required to be done.
19. In relation to Contract Agreement, It has been requested to provide a period of 10 days from the date of issuance of the LoA/WO/LOI for the successful bidder to review the award terms and formally communicate its acceptance or non-acceptance. In regards to above, it is clarified that the successful bidder shall have to furnish Letter of Acceptance (LoA) within 10 days from the date of receipt of the placement of order.
20. In relation to Payment terms in the tender document, it is clarified that it is well established payment terms and the Commission does not find any merit to change the same.
21. In relation to Release of EMD, it is clarified that the EMD will be released to unsuccessful bidders within 15 days from the date of acceptance of LoA by the lowest bidder.
22. In relation to Liquidated Damages, it is clarified that the Commission has fixed LD after detailed deliberation; hence, no change is required.
23. In relation to reason for delay, it is clarified that it is an established practice that if availability of complete, accurate and adequate data, information, clarifications and documents from the Commission and/or concerned generating companies, could not be provided to consulting firm timely than the reason for delay will not be attributable to consultancy firm.
24. In relation of Additional Work is appears to be open-ended, it is clarified that the intent of the Commission by specifying additional work in the scope of work is to include the work which could not be

mentioned in tender document but required to be executed for determination of energy charge rate in accordance with the applicable tariff regulations and provision made in the Electricity Act, 2003.

25. In relation to request for time extension for submitting bid, the Commission has revised the schedule as under:

Bid submission : up to 03:00 PM of 27/08/2026

Technical Bid opening time : 03:30 PM of 27/08/2026

Financial bid opening time : 03:30 PM of 31/08/2026.

26. All other provisions of the tender shall remain same.

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