

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
FOR THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES
GURGAON**

Quorum

Shri M.K. Goel, Chairperson
Smt. Neerja Mathur, Member

Petition No. 235/2017

Date of Hearing: 23.05.2017

Date of Order: 28.06.2017

In the matter of:

Petition for approval of agreement for "Procurement of Power by hiring of 2 x 750 KVA DG Sets to deliver 500 KW electric power round the clock to the Grid / LT Bus of existing Power House of Electricity Department at Neil Island" between Electricity Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Vidyut Bhavan, Port Blair – 744 101.

And in the matter of:

The Electricity Department,
A&N Administration, Vidyut Bhavan,
Port Blair – 744 101.

.... Petitioner

Vs

M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Ltd.,
35-36 DSIDC Scheme – 1,
Okhla Industrial Area, Phase – II,
NEW DELHI – 110 020.

... Respondent

Present

For the Petitioner

Shri Yogesh Tiwari, Asstt. Engineer I/C

For the Respondent

None.

ORDER

The Petitioner, the Electricity Department of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) has sought the Commission's approval of the agreement for procurement of power by hiring two DG Sets of 750 KVA each to supply electric power (500 KW) at Neil Island from M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Ltd., New Delhi, the lowest bidder, at the rate of Rs 1.17 per unit.

The Petitioner submitted that the power requirement at Neil Island was being met by 6 numbers of DG Sets having a total capacity of 996 KW. At present only 3 Nos. DG Sets are in working condition with an available capacity of 320 KW (due to degradation and ageing of the DG Sets) which is insufficient to meet the current and future power requirement at Neil Island.

The Petitioner further submitted that Neil Island is also emerging as a popular tourist hub and a number of resorts have come up while some are under construction. The total additional demand works out to be about 500 to 600 KW. In order to improve the power situation and to meet its universal obligation to supply, it has decided to procure power by hiring two DG Sets of 750 KVA each to deliver 500 KW of electric power for a period of 12 months.

As per GFR – 2005 under Rule – 150 Advertised Tender Enquiry

Quote-

(i) "Subject to exceptions incorporated under Rule 151 and 154, invitation to tenders by advertisement should be used for procurement of goods of estimated value Rs 25 lakhs (Rupees twenty five lakhs) and above. Advertisement in such case should be given in the Indian Trade Journal (IT), published by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata and at least in one national daily having wide circulation.

(ii) An organization having its own website should also publish all its advertised tender enquiries on the website and provide a link with NIC website. It should also give its website address in the advertisements in (IT) and newspapers"

Unquote.

Accordingly, a tender notice for Procurement of Power by hiring two DG Sets of 750 KVA each to supply electric power round the clock to the Grid was issued on 30.10.2015. The said tender was uploaded on the A&N Administration website vide Unique reference No. 38220. The tender was also published in the Indian Trade Journal and in the Daily Telegams in the A&N Islands, which has wide circulation in the A&N Islands and this paper was also available on the NIC website. The tender copy for publication in the National Dailies was sent through Speed Post. Due to a natural calamity which occurred at Chennai, the tender notice could not be published in any National Newspaper.

However, the Tender Evaluation Committee felt that since the Notice was uploaded on the website having global access, the purpose of wide publicity was fulfilled. Besides, the power crisis on Neil Island which is a tourist spot of International importance was a burning issue and the proposed hiring was required to be executed immediately. Hence, the committee unanimously decided to go ahead with the process.

A pre-bid meeting was held in the Chamber of the Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department, Port Blair on 23.11.2015. M/s Sudhir Ready, Gen Sets Consortium, New Delhi attended the pre bid meeting and after detailed discussion it was decided to amend some of the clauses in the tender document. Therefore, a corrigendum was uploaded on the website of the A&N Administration and was published vide No. EL/PR/21A/Hiring DG Set/T-12/2015/5046 dated 30.11.2015 through (1) The Publicity Officer(IP&T), (2) The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams, Port Blair (3)The Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, 1 Council House, Kolkata (4) The Manager, Hindu (Chennai edition) (5) The Manager, Statesman, Kolkata and (6) The Manager, The Times of India, Delhi.

In response to the above tender notice the following three firms submitted their offer :-

- i. M/s Sunny Diesel Sales and Services, Garacharma, Port Blair.
- ii. M/s Bharati Engineering, 314, Starlit Tower, Y.N. Road, Indore
- iii. M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Limited, New Delhi

The due date for acceptance of the tenders was 15.12.2015. The tenders were opened at 3.30 P.M. on the same day in the presence of Bidders/Firms. All the above three Firms qualified technically. The detailed comparative statement was prepared for technical evaluation and the same was placed before the Technical Evaluation Committee.

The technical bids were opened and analyzed by the Technical Evaluation Committee and the comparative technical statement was prepared. The price bid of the three firms technically qualified were opened on 23.03.2016 and M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Limited, New Delhi emerged as the lowest bidder. Details of the contracted supply and cost are provided in the following Table:-

NAME OF THE FIRM	SUPPLY OF POWER	MINIMUM UNITS/ MONTH	TARIFF RATES
M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Ltd.	500 KW	Minimum 3.25 lakh unit per month	The per unit fixed charges are Rs 1.17/- which includes all taxes, duties, O&M. The HSD required for running this plant is supplied by the Petitioner.

The Competent Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Administration approved the rates offered by M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Ltd., New Delhi for supply of round the clock electric power through the DG Set at Neil Island. The necessary agreement and performance security as per the provisions of the GFR – 2005 shall be executed before the award of work.

The Commission has considered the draft agreement to be executed between the Electricity Department, A&N Administration and M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Ltd., New Delhi for hiring of two DG Sets of 750 KVA each to supply electric power round the clock at Neil Island. It has also examined the relevant provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Rules and Regulations made thereunder.

Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 provides that:

Determination of tariff by bidding process – “Notwithstanding anything contained in section 62, the Appropriate Commission shall adopt the tariff if such tariff has been determined through transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government.”

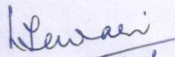
The Commission has noted that the tariff has been determined through a transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government. In view of the above, the Commission accords its approval under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to the draft agreement to be executed between the Electricity Department, A&N Administration and M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Ltd., New Delhi for hiring of two DG Sets of 750 KVA each to supply electric power round the clock at Neil Island. The Commission directs the Petitioner to place on record a copy of the agreement duly executed between the Petitioner and M/s Mona Generator Services (P) Limited, New Delhi.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(NEERJA MATHUR)
MEMBER

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(M.K. GOEL)
CHAIRPERSON

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