



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Renewal of Selling Agency Agreement with M/s. MSTC Ltd - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.276/2023/F&WLD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-07-2023

- Read:-
1. GO(Rt) No. 132/2014/F&WLD dated 18/03/2014.
 2. GO (Rt) No. 252/2022/F&WLD dated 09-06-2022.
 3. Letter No. Pro(4)-31980/16 dated 21/3/2023 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management), Forest Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per the Government order read as 1st paper above, Government have accorded sanction for adoption of an e-auction platform for timber sales in Forest Department by utilizing the services of M/s MSTC Limited, Kolkatta. As per the Government Order read as 2nd paper above, permission was accorded to continue the present system of e-auction for a further period of 1 year from 29/3/2022.

2) Now as per letter read as 3rd paper above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management) has informed that the Department have taken earnest efforts to put in place an NIC based solution to conduct e-auction as directed by Government. But, NIC has been unable to modify their e-auction platform to meet all the requirements of the Kerala Forest & Wild Life Department for the smooth conduct of timber e-auctions. Since the Department auctions materials worth 300 crores annually, a reliable platform is necessary to prevent revenue loss and M/s MSTC Ltd., a Government of India enterprise, has consistently provided satisfactory services in this regard. The PCCF also indicated that the likelihood of implementing an NIC-based solution for timber e-auctions by the Forest Department is currently very low, which would result in the cessation of e-auctions and a decrease in Government revenue. Therefore, the PCCF(FM) requested continuation of M/s MSTC Ltd.'s services for e-auctions by paying the

existing service charge of 0.8% starting from 29.03.2023 for an additional year, as well as the renewal of the Selling Agency Agreement with M/s MSTC Ltd.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and sanction is accorded to avail the services of M/s MSTC Ltd for e-auction, by paying 0.8% service charges from 29.03.2023 for a further period of one year and to renew the Selling Agency Agreement accordingly subject to the condition that the Forest Department put in place the NIC based solution within six months.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Forces,
Forest Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management),
Forest Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance Department (vide U.O.No. AgriA1/2017/Fin dated
3/7/2023.)

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