MINUTES OF 4th MEETING OF SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 HELD ON 23.02.2022 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE JAL SHAKTI MINISTER FOR PROCUREMENT OF PIPES.

The following were present:

Shri Lalit Jain (IAS),

Member

Managing Director,

HP State Civil Supply Corp. Shimla-9.

Dr. Ashwani Sharma (IAS),

Member

Special Secretary (JSV),

Rep. of Secretary (Jal Shakti),

Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Ms. Kiran Bhadana (IAS),

Member

Additional Controller of Store, Rep. of Controller of Stores,

Industries Department H.P.

Shri Rajender Singh Tomar,

Member

Addl. LR-cum- Additional Secretary (Law) to the

Rep. of Principal Secretary (Law),

Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Member

Shri Manoj Sharma, Deputy Secretary,

Rep. of Addl. Chief Secretary (Finance),

to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Er. Sanjeev Kaul,

Engineer-in-Chief,

Jal Shakti Vibhag H.P.

Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Jal Shakti Minister & other members of the committee.

Thereafter, discussion on agenda items followed as under:

Item No. I:

Confirmation of Minutes of 3rd Meeting of Screening

Committee:

The Member Secretary explained that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 02.12.2021 were circulated to all the members vide letter no. 9619-29 dated 08.12.2021. No comments/observations have been received from any of the members.

The Screening committee accorded approval to confirm the same.

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Item No. II:

Procurement of additional Requirement of G.I. Pipes for the year 2021-22.

The Member Secretary explained that the additional requirement of 3685 MT G.I. Pipes {2484 MT under Jal Jeevan Mission +1537 MT under other Head}, urgently required during the current financial year, has been received from Chief Engineer, Shimla, Mandi and Hamirpur Zone. The Division wise detail is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Jal Shakti Division	JJM (IN MT)	Other Head (IN MT)	Total (In MT)
1	Nahan	237	0	237
2	Paonta	126	661	787
3	Shillai	307	0	307
4	Solan	0	330	330
5	Nalagarh	679	289	968
6	Rampur	615	0	615
7	Thunag	99	0	99
8	Jhandutta	58	0	58
9	Barsar	336	0	0
10	Sarkaghat	Ó	178	178
11	Amb	27	79	106
	G. Total	2484	1537	3685

Further the Member Secretary explained that the allotment of central share under Jal Jeevan Mission programme during the year 2021-22 is Rs. 1262.78 Crore and unspent incentive amount of Rs. 226.42 Crore is also available during current financial year. Central release of Rs. 1489.20 Crore has also been received out of which Rs. 1087.01 Crore has already been utilized and approximately Rs. 402.19 Crore is yet to be utilized during current financial year. Hence, total funds availability under JJM including state share works out to Rs. 1700 Crore approximately,

For the Pipes of other heads, there is a budget provision of Rs. 281.55 Crore in water supply sector, out of which LOC/ funds of Rs. 211.19 Crore has been utilized and balance funds/ LOC of Rs. 70.36 Crore has been received in 4th quarter of this financial year.

The cost of pipes as per additional requirement under Jal Jeevan Mission and other head is approximately Rs. 24.84 Crore and Rs.15.36 Crore respectively.

After detailed discussions and deliberations the committee approved additional requirement of 3685 MT (2484 MT under JJM & 1537 MT under Other Head). The committee authorized the department to place the necessary-supply orders as per availability of funds and in anticipation of incentive likely to be received during

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this financial year under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme and funds/ LOC of 1st Quarter of 2022-23, to the firms on L-1 negotiated rail head matching rates against tenders valid up to 31.03.2022 amongst the firms as per their manufacturing capacity & keeping in view of supply position in previous supply orders.

Item No.-III Pr

Procurement of annual requirement of D.I. Pipes for the year 2021-22.

The Member Secretary explained that the Screening Committee in its meeting held on 02.12.2021 has approved the annual requirement of 91267 Rmt. and decided to call online tender for procurement of D.I. Pipes. Accordingly, the Department had called the online tender for procurement of D.I. Pipes which was opened on 08.02.2022. Only one firm had participated in the tender. Being a single tender & 1st call thereof, the same has been recalled and is due to be opened on 24.02.2022.

Further the Member Secretary placed the additional requirement of D.I. Pipes 10100 Rmt. as received form Chief Engineer Mandi Zone before the committee for its approval. The Division wise detail is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Description	Total Qty. (in Rmt.)
1	Sundarngar	150 MM (K-7)	8000
2	Chauntra	150 MM K-7	1500
		450 MM K-7	600
		Total:	2100
		Grand Total:	10100

After detail discussion the committee approved the additional requirement of 10100 Rmt. D.I. Pipes and allowed the department to include/procure the same in above tender after its finalization from Screening Committee.

Item No. IV:

Procurement of additional requirement of HDPE Pipes for the financial year 2021-22:

The Member Secretary apprised the committee that the requirement of HDPE Pipes of 381514 Rmt. has been received from all the Chief Engineers. The material is required for various ongoing works in State sector programme HIMCAD under which command area development activity in clusters of minor irrigation schemes is being carried out in the shape of piped distribution network. Sufficient funds for procurement of HDPE Pipes are available during current financial year. The Division wise detail is as under:

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Sr. No.	Name of Division	Quantity (in Rmt.)
1	Nagrota Bagwan	7627
2	Jaswan Prapur	9980
3	Thural	50417
4	Dehra	11835
5	Fatehpur	17735
6	Indora	20325
7	Chamba	12800
8	Dharmpur	13500
9	Chauntra	21680
10	Padhar	28127
11	Kullu -II	5980
12	Anni	54013
13	Keylong	91045
14	Mandi	6880
15	Rohru	29570
	Total:	381514

Further the Member Secretary explained that presently there in no valid HCOS rate contract of HDPE pipes as the previous HPCOS rate contract for HDPE pipes has expired on 31.12.2021. During the meeting the representative of Industry Department informed that the fresh rate contract of HDPE pipes is in final stage and the same is going to be finalized very shorty.

The committee approved the above requirement and authorized the department to procure the same at HPCOS rate contract as & when finalized.

Item No. VI:

Procurement of G.I. Wire for the year 2021-22:

The Member Secretary explained that the additional requirement of 221 MT G.I. Wire has been received from Chief Engineer, Mandi Zone for the year 2021-22. The Division wise detail is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Description	Quantity (in MT)
1	Kullu-I	SWG-6, 5.00mm thick	67
2	Kullu-II	,	44
3	Keylong		110
		Total	221

The Member Secretary also explained that since last two years no valid HPCOS rate contract for procurement of G.I. Wire has been finalized by Industry Department. The representative of Industry Department informed in the meeting that the process for finalization of fresh rate contract of G.I. Wire has been completed and the same has been sent for approval of Government.

The committee approved the above requirement and authorized the department to procure the same at HPCOS rate contract as & when finalized.

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Item No. VI:

Amendment in Terms and conditions/ Technical Requirement in existing tender for supply of ISI Marked Centrifugally Cast (Spun) Ductile Iron Pressure Pipe.

The Member Secretary explained that the Screening Committee in its meeting held on 02.12.2021 authorized Engineer-in-Chief (Jal Shakti) to call online tender for procurement of D.I. Pipes. Accordingly the online tender has been called on already approved terms and conditions which is due to be opened on 24.02.2022. However the firm M/s Jindal Saw Limited, M/s Electrosteel Casting Limited, M/s Electrotherm India Limited have requested for some suggestive changes in Terms and Conditions/ technical requirement in the tender for supply of ISI Marked Centrifugally Cast (Spun) Ductile Iron Pressure Pipe.

Further the Member Secretary explained that on perusal of all terms and conditions, following terms and conditions are proposed for amendment in DNIT:

Terms	Existing Terms &	Proposed terms and Conditions by the
and	Condition	firms
Condition		1
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28	Each firm awarded with the	The firms manufacturing pipes from the
	order, shall produce before	mother material i.e. Pig Iron manufactured
	the parties conducting	by themself may be exempted from
	inspections the latest invoices	providing invoices of the raw material
	pertaining to procurement of	used to manufacture the pipes. However,
	raw material i.e. Pig Iron	they shall supply valid documents i.e.
	from which the pipes under	manufacturing certificate etc. regarding
	inspection have been	the production capacity of raw material
	manufactured and the same	and submit an affidavit to this effect
	shall also be appended with	mentioning the sufficient quantity of
, ,	approved inspection note for	mother material available, to manufacture
	the record of consignee.	the ordered pipe.
32 (x)	Affidavit by the firm that any	The tenderer should not have been
6	Government Department /	blacklisted/debarred/disqualified/disallowe
	Government Undertaking /	d to supply DI Pipes in case of EPC
	Board in the country have not	Contracts/ Turnkey Contracts / Supply
	blacklisted it.	Orders contract/ Rate Contracts for the
		entire or any part thereof, by any of the
*		Central/ State Govt./ Board/ Corporation
		as procuring entity in India with respect to
,		quality issues, contractual default,
		fraudulent conduct etc. in last three years from the date of the submission of the
5	,	tender. The tenderer will submit affidavit
		thereof dully notarized (with Seal) in
	9	respect to the above condition. The
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L	f	tenderer shall not be eligible if he has

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been blacklisted before last three years
from the date of opening of tender and the
blacklisting has not been revoked by the
competent authority.

After detail discussion & deliberations, the committee approved the above amendments in terms and conditions of tender of D.I. Pipes so that no ambiguity remains in the future tender document and to procure better quality material from reputed manufacturers.

Item No. VII:

Ex-post facto sanction of 2nd additional requirement of G.I. Pipes under JJM and Other Head for the current financial year 2021-22.

The Member Secretary explained that the additional requirements of 4457 MT GI Pipes (2790 MT in JJM + 1667 MT in other Head) was received form all the Chief Engineers after the 3rd meeting of Screening Committee held on 02.12.2021. The Division wise detail is as under:

Sr.	Name of Jal Shakti	JJM	Other Head	Total (In MT)
No.	Division	(IN MT)	(IN MT)	
1	Sundarnagar	273	123	396
2	Mandi	112	0	112
3	Padhar	581	0	581
4	Kullu-II	77	54	131
5	Bilaspur	451	0	451
6	Ghumarwin	49	0	49
7	Hamirpur	11	0	11
8	Barsar	0	0	0
9	Bhoranj	71	0	71
10	Dharmpur	80	79	159 .
11	Chauntra	92	25	117
12	Una-I	0	99	99
13	Una-II	0	45	45
14	Amb	30	125	155
15	F.P.Gagret	208	0	208
16	Nurpur	51	87	138
17	Indora	211	261	472
18	Jawali	109	306	415
19	Fatehpur	0	463	463
20	Baddi	384	0	384
	Total:	2790	1667	4457

The total second additional requirement works out to 4457MT (2790 MT under JJM and 1667 MT under other Head) having a tentative cost of Rs 44.57 Crore (Rs. 27.90 Crore under JJM and Rs. 16.67 Crore under other Head).

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Further the Member Secretary informed to the committee that due to urgency of material requirement the complete case was sent to Government through single file on 24.01.2022 for procurement of this second additional requirement and the Government has granted permission on 28.01.2022 for its procurement during current financial year subject to condition that ex-post-facto approval of the same shall be taken in the next meeting of Screening Committee.

After discussions, the Committee granted the ex-post facto approval for procurement of above requirement keeping in view exigency of work.

Item No. VIII:

Regarding 30 % Third party Inspection of Pipes at factory premises in the presence of authorized officers of the firm, representative of Jal Shakti Vibhag (i.e. Assistant Engineer) and H.P. State Civil Supply Corporation limited against supply orders for procurement of G.I./ D.I. Pipes: Ex-post Facto Sanction thereof.

The Member Secretary Explained that earlier (before Covid-19 Situation) as per the terms and conditions of tender and supply orders, 100% Inspection of Pipes were done by approved external agency before dispatch and thereafter to ensure quality, 30% inspection of total quantity is done in the factory premises after drawing samples as per BIS norms by third party agency in the presence of authorized officers of the firm, representative of Jal Shakti Vibhag (i.e. Assistant Engineer) and H.P. State Civil Supply Corporation limited. But keeping in view the situation in the country due to Covid-19 epidemic, the Government had relaxed the presence of representative of Jal Shakti & H.P. State Civil Supplies for joint inspection at factory premises.

Since, the Covid situation is improving & all activities have commenced hence to ensure proper quality of pipes, the following proposal was sent to Government through single file dated 28.12.2021:

- > 30% inspection of total quantity is done in the factory premises after drawing samples as per BIS norms by third party agency in the presence of authorized officers of the firm, representative of Jal Shakti Vibhag (i.e. Assistant Engineer) and H.P. State Civil Supply Corporation limited.
- The material shall be dispatched by the firm only in the presence of representative of H.P. State Civil Supply as per past practice.

The Government has approved the same on single file dated 01.01.2022 subject to condition that ex-post-facto approval of the same shall be taken in the next meeting of Screening Committee.

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Further the Member secretary explained that the technical committee during its 4th meeting held on 07.07.2021 has empaneled M/s ELI Technical Economic Service India Pvt. Limited for 3rd party inspection of Stores & project monitoring. The firm has represented earlier to include their name in the tender for inspection.

Keeping in view of above the following terms and conditions are required to be amended in terms and conditions of tender of GI/ DI Pipes:

Terms & Condition	Existing Terms & Condition in NIT	Proposed terms and Conditions for amendment.
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7.	In order to ensure quality, pre-dispatch	In order to ensure quality, pre-dispatch
	inspection of stock in addition to above	inspection of stock in addition to above inspection agencies, 30%
	inspection agencies, 30% inspection of	inspection of total quantity shall be
	total quantity shall be done in the	done in the factory premises after
	factory premises after drawing samples	drawing samples as per_BIS norms in
	as per BIS norms. Inspection charges	the presence of the authorized officers
	shall be borne by the firm and	of the firms, representative of Jal
	inspection shall only be got done from	Shakti Department and the HP
	any of the following agencies after	State Civil Supplies Corporation
	seeking the prior approval of Jal Shakti	Limited. Inspection charges shall be
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		only be got done from any of the
	i) DET NORSAKE VARITAS (DNV).	following agencies after seeking the prior approval of Jal Shakti
	ii) BUREAU VARITAS.	prior approval of Jal Shakti Department:
	iii) QSS. iv) TUV India Pvt. Ltd.	i) DET NORSAKE VARITAS.
	v)Alpha Test House.	ii) BUREAU VARITAS.
	vi)Edlipse Engg. Global Pvt. Ltd.	iii) QSS.
	vii) SGS The copies of Inspection notes duly	iv) TUV India Pvt. Ltd.
1	signed by all concerned shall also be	v) Alpha Test House.
3	provided to Jal Shakti Vibhag.	vi) Edlipse Engg. Global Pvt.
	Note: Same Inspection agency shall	Ltd.
	not conduct 100% & 30% inspection of	vii) SGS
	the same firm.	viii) ELI Technical Economic
	No rates for the inspection charges in	Service India Pvt. Limited.
	BOQ shall be quoted as the same is to	The copies of joint Inspection notes
	be included in the basic rates of pipes	duly signed by all concerned, shall also
	to be quoted by the manufacturer.	be provided to Jal Shakti Department. Note: One Inspection agency shall not
•	Further to ensure the Quality &	conduct 100% & 30% inspection of
	Quantity of pipes, the joint Inspection	the same firm.
*0	of pipes shall be done at consignee end by representative of H.P. State Civil	No rates for the inspection charges in
	Supplies and concerned Assistant	BOQ shall be quoted as the same is to
	Engineers of Jal Shakti Vibhag as &	be included in the basic rates of pipes
	when pipes are received. The	to be quoted by the manufacturer.
38	Inspection certificate depicting quality	In case, the delivered pipes at the
	& quantity of pipes duly signed by both	consignee's end are found to be sub-
	of the representative {i.e.' concerned	standard, strict-action is-liable to be
3	Assistant Engineer of Jal Shakti Vibhag	initiated against inspecting agencies/
!	and representative of H.P. State Civil	supplying firms including debarring /
	Supplies Corporation} shall be	black listing for future.



	provided to H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Shimla-9 a/w GRs. In case, the delivered pipes at the consignee's end are found to be substandard, strict action is liable to be initiated against inspecting agencies/supplying firms including debarring / black listing for future.	
27	The pipes shall be weighed at works or transit point during transshipment, if any, at weighing bridge. The document showing the laden and unladen weight shall be submitted along with bills.	The pipes shall be weighed & dispatched in the presence of responsible Officer of the HP State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited at works or transit point during transhipment, if any, at weighing bridge. The document showing the laden and unladen weight shall be submitted along with bills. Entire material shall be dispatched only in presence of representative of H.P. State Civil Supplies.
33	The HP State Civil Supplies Corporation limited shall release 90% of the payment to the suppliers after receipt of material in good condition. Post Inspection of pipes / material shall be got done by the consignee & representative of H.P. State Civil Supplies at consignee end as & when material received. The final 10% payment shall be released only after receipt of original GR and post-delivery inspection reports confirming the quality of pipes, in a time bound manner i.e. within 45 days from receipt of material. The copy of e-way bills shall be supplied by all the firms to H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation for authentication of date of dispatch of material.	The HP State Civil Supplies Corporation limited shall release 90% of the payment to the suppliers after receipt of material in good condition. Post Inspection of pipes / material shall be got done by the consignee as & when material received. The final 10% payment shall be released only after receipt of original-GR and post-delivery inspection reports confirming the quality of pipes, in a time bound manner i.e. within 45 days from receipt of material. The copy of e-way bills shall be supplied by all the firms to H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation for authentication of date of dispatch of material.

After detailed discussion/ deliberations the Committee granted the ex-post facto approval in the above matter and further approved to amend the term and conditions of tender/ supply orders of G.I. & D.I. pipes accordingly.

Item No. IX:

Regarding supply of G.I. Pipes against supply orders dated 03.09.2021 by the firm M/s Hi-Tech Pipes Limited.: Ex-post facto sanction thereof.

The Member Secretary explained that in screening committee meeting held on 02.12.2021, the matter regarding non-supply of G.I. Pipes by the M/s Hi-Tech Pipes Limited against supply orders dated 03.09. 2021 has been placed and the



committee decided to forfeit the earnest money of the firm M/s Hi-Tech and imposed the liquidated damages as per terms and conditions of the tender/ supply orders.

The Member Secretary explained in the matter that earlier notice was issued to firm by H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation vide letter no. 14779-14780 dated 17.11.2021 to initiate the supplies against the above mentioned supply orders immediately. Further, a notice was also issued by Jal Shakti Vibhag to Firm M/s Hi-Tech Pipes Limited vide letter no. 9350-52 dated 1.12.2021 in which the firm was asked to explain the reasons for not completing the supply of G.I. Pipes against above supply orders.

In response to the above notice, the firm vide its letter no. HT/JSV/2021-21 dated 07.12.2021 has explained that the firm had already informed to H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Shimla-9 vide letter HPSCSC/GIP/2019-20 dated 22.11.2021 that due to raw material constraints, some obstacle in plant and then Deepawali and Chatt Festivals, there was delay in execution of orders and the firm shall commence the supplies immediately. Hence the firm has explained that due to above cited reasons and shortage of raw material in market especially for smaller diameter, due to huge demand of these pipes in various state Govt. departments under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme, the supplies got delayed. However, the firm managed to procure the raw material on higher prices and manufactured the material of 491 MT against supply order no. 10461—10497 Dated 03.09.2021 and as per Inspection Note 100% inspection were done by the Inspection agencies M/s WAPCOS on 02.12.2021 & 30 % inspection be done by M/s Edlipse on 03.12.2021 against this supply-order-and the firm had also initiated to dispatch the material accordingly. Further, as per inspection note, the 1st lot of 120 MT out of 795 MT (15mm- Light) against supply order no. 10150-10158 Dated 03.09.2021 was inspected by the above agencies on 04.12.2021 & 06.12.2021 respectively. The firm has sent their status of supply orders as under:

PO No & Date	PO Qty.	Already	Balance	Status
		Supplied		
HPSCSC/Pro.1-36/2021-	2933 MT	2710 MT	223 MT.	Shall be completed by
22(GI Pipes)-8279-8342				10.12.2021
Dated 05.08.2021				
HPSCSC/Pro.1-36/2021-	785 MT.	NIL	785 MT.	120MT material produced
22 (GI Pipes)-10150-				and inspected release note
10158 Dated 03.09.2021 .				attached, balance material
:		,		under process.
				Dispatches shall be
140				completed by 31.12.2021.
HPSCSC/Pro.1-36/2021-	491 MT.	26 MT	465 MT	Material produced and

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22(GI Pipes)-10461—	inspected Release note
10497 Dated -03.09.2021	attached. Dispatches
4	already started and shall be
	completed by 20.12.2021.

As the firm was ready to supply the material within December 2021 without claiming any price variation and if department had placed fresh supply orders for above material to other firms in the month of December 2021, they would have claimed price variation as per terms and condition of supply orders. Moreover, the material shall be delivered by the other firm within 60 days i.e. up to 07th February 2022 with Price variation.

In view of all above facts, for saving time & money of the Government ex-chequer, the proposal that the firm M/s Hi-Tech Pipes Limited may be allowed to supply the material up to 31.12.2021 against above supply as per terms and conditions of supply orders was sent to Government through single file dated 08.12.2021 and the Government had approved the same on single file subject to condition that ex-post-facto approval of the same shall be taken in the next meeting of Screening Committee.

The supply orders wise latest status of dispatch of material is as under:

PO No & Date	PO Qty.	Status	Remarks
HPSCSC/Pro.1-36/2021-22(GI	2933 MT	Fully	Last Truck was dispatched
Pipes)-8279-8342 Dated		Executed	vide invoice No.5511 dated
05.08.2021	50		09.12.2021.
HPSCSC/Pro.1-36/2021-22 (GI	785 MT.	Fully	Last Truck was dispatched
Pipes)-10150-10158 Dated		Executed	vide invoice No. 5921 dated
03.09.2021			30.12.2021.
HPSCSC/Pro.1-36/2021-22(GI	491 MT.	Fully	Last Truck was dispatched
Pipes)-10461—10497 Dated -		Executed	vide invoice No. 6725 dated
03.09.2021			31.01.2022.

As the firm M/s Hi-Tech Pipes Limited has completed the supplies up to 31.01.2022 instead of 31.12.2021 and accordingly liquidated damages to a maximum extent of 10% of contract value have already been imposed on the firm as per Terms and Conditions of the tender.

After detailed discussion/ deliberations, the committee granted ex-post facto sanction and was of unanimous view that since the firm has completed the supplied and the Liquidated Damages as per terms and conditions of the tender/ supply orders has already been imposed on the firm hence the decision regarding forfeiture of earnest money of the firm is revoked.

Item No.-X:

Request of firm M/s Vishal Pipes Limited regarding allowing price variation in extended delivery period against supply order dated 27.01.2017.

The member Secretary explained that the firm M/s Vishal Pipes Limited has represented vide—letter no. VPL/MKTG/IPH-GI Pipes/2019-20: 663 dated 30.10.2019 regarding allowing price variation (increase)—for extended delivery period against supply order no. 27059-27120—(457 MT for Excise Duty Non Exempt Category)—& 27121-179 (1771 MT for Excised Duty Exempted Category)—placed on 27.01.2017.

The firm has explained that the entire ordered material against above mentioned two supply orders placed on 27.01.2017 was manufactured and inspected by inspection agencies on 11.02.2017 & 12.03.2017 and 14,03,2017& 15.03.2017. The inspected material was ready for dispatch within the stipulated delivery period (28.03.2017) but was dispatched in the end of April 2017 due to delay in the receipt of correct Excise Duty Exemption Certificates from some consignees.

Before placing the matter in Screening Committee, the complete case was sent for detailed examination to Sub-Committee already constituted for examination of the case of M/s Tirupati Containers Pvt. Ltd.

The Sub Committee has submitted its fact finding report vide letter no. 10012-15 dated 15.01.2021. The sub-committee in its report has suggested that the rates of supply orders should have been considered as derived from the rates of raw material for the month of January 2017 instead of rates of August 2016 as finalised in the tender.

The committee also recommended considering the price variation in extended delivery period against supply order dated 27.01.2017.

The rates of HR Coil & Zinc had increased subsequently after finalization of tender (August 2016) and during the month of February 2017 & March 2017 there is an increase of HR Coil & Zinc is about RS. 11000/- MT with comparison to rate during negotiation August 2016 which was incorporated in supply orders dated 27.01.2017 with the condition of price variation. The detail are as under:

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Basic rates of HR Coil / SKELP of SAIL (PMT)		Difference {Monthly rate of H.R. Coil-28433)		Net effect of Zinc {(Monthly average rate of Zinc-177789 x1.10)x40/1000}	Total variatio n (PMT)	
During negotiation August 2016	28433		During negotiation August 2016	177789		
January, 2017	39350	. 10917	January, 2017	210250	587.284	11504
February, 2017	39250	10817	February, 2017	219613	961.804	11779
March, 2017	36000	7567	March, 2017	211950	655.284	8222
April, 2017	35700	7267	April, 2017	197775	88.284	7355

Further the Member Secretary explained that on the perusal

of record it has been observed that total 879 MT material was dispatched by the firm after stipulated delivery period, but out of 879 MT, the corrected excise exemption certificates of 237 MT G.I. Pipes (Exempted Category) were supplied by the concerned consignees after delivery period. Since this delay is attributable to late receipt of correct excise exemption certificates from various consignees and as per the record the material was manufactured by the firm during February & March 2017 as per inspection notes, it is proposed that the price variation for the month of April 2017, for only 237 MT material amounting to Rs. 17,43,125/- be allowed in favour of the firm M/s Vishal Pipes Limited.

After detailed discussion the committee approved the proposal of department and allowed the price variation for the month of April 2017 on 237 MT G.I. Pipes which was delayed due to non-receipt of correct excise exemption certificate with in delivery period.

In addition to above items, the Member Secretary informed the Committee that some additional requirement of Pipes has been received after the circulation of memorandum and proposed the additional item with the permission of the chairman before the Committee as under:

Additional Item No.-I: Additional Requirement of G.I. Pipes for the year 2021-22.

The Member Secretary explained that in addition to above requirement of GI Pipes (Item No 1), the additional requirement of 3380 MT G.I. Pipes {3247 MT under Jal Jeevan Mission +133 MT under other Head} urgently required during the current financial year has been received from Chief Engineer, Shimla and Mandi Zone. The Division wise/ Head Wise detail is as under:

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Sr. No.	Name of Jal Shakti Division	JJM (IN MT)	Other Head (IN MT)	Total (In MT)
1	Rohru	. 107		107
2	Jubbal	418	50	468
3	Nahan	162		162
4	Nalagarh	*	83	83
5	Sundarnagar	551		551
6	Mandi	28		28
7	Baggi	914		914
8	Karsog	635		635
9	Anni	432		432
	Total	3247	133	3380

The Committee approved this requirement of 3380 MT (3247 MT under JJM & 133 MT under other head) and allowed the department to procure the same as per approval of item no.1.

Additional Item No.-II Additional Requirement of D.I. Pipes for the year 2021-2022.

The Member Secretary explained that the Chief Engineer Shimla Zone has submitted additional requirement of D.I. Pipes required by Jubbal & Nahan Divisions. The Division wise detail is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Description	Total Qty. (in Rmt.)
1	Jubbal	150 MM (K-7)	3200
2	Nahan	150 MM K-7	700
		200 MM K-7	750
		Total:	4650

The Committee approved the additional requirement of 4650 Rmt DI Pipes as per approval of item no.-II.

Additional Item No. III: Procurement of additional requirement of HDPE Pipes for the financial year 2020-21:

The Member Secretary explained that the additional requirement of HDPE Pipes of 4070 Rmt. has been received from Chief Engineer Shimla Zone required by Jubbal Division. The Dia- wise detail is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Jal Shakti Division	Description	Total Quantity (In Rmt.)
1	Jubbal	PE80, PN10 25mm	1150
•		PE80, PN10 32mm	2920
		Total:	4070

The committee approved the same as per decision of item no. III.

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Additional Item No. IV: Regularization of delivery period against supply order dated 31-01-2015, 26-09-2015 and 23-06-2016 in respect of M/S Tirupati Container Pvt. Ltd.

The member Secretary explained that Supply orders for procurement of G.I. pipes were placed in favour of M/S Tirupati Containers Pvt. Ltd., during financial year 2014-15,2015-16 and 2016-17but the firm did not supply the pipes within delivery period of 60 days. The firm has sought extension in delivery period against above supply orders.

The complete case was placed before the Screening Committee in its meeting held on 12-10-2017 wherein the committee did not agree to grant extension and decided that action as per terms and conditions of tender/supply order may be taken against the firm. Accordingly liquidated damages of Rs. 2.31 Crore were imposed on the firm as per terms and conditions of tender and Supply orders.

As per decision taken in the screening committee meeting held on 26.12.2019, a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Chief Engineer (Dharmshala Zone) was constituted to re-examine the representation of M/s Tirupati Containers Pvt. Limited regarding regularization of delivery-period against supply orders dated 31.01.2015, 26.09.2015 & 23.06.2016. The brief facts of the case are as under:

The firm in its representation has cited the various reasons for delay in supply of pipes, the some of which are:

- > The payment against supplies was excessively delayed by HP Sate Civil Supplies Corporation Limited.
- Heavy Snowfall.
 - > Delay in Inspection by various inspection agencies.
- Numerous Holidays falling in validity period leading to shortage of labour.
 - > Jaat reservation riots in various towns of Haryana.

The above issues were deliberated by the sub-committee and the reasons cited such as heavy snow fall, Blockade of Highway during Jaat Reservation and delay in release of payment to the firm were considered to be genuine and deserving leniency hence the sub-committee had finally recommended for re-considering of regularisation of the delivery period against supply orders dated 3.01.206, 26.09.2015 & 23.06.2016. The supply order wise detail of delay in days and LD imposed are as under:

Sr.	Supply	Qty.	Qty.	Qty.	Delivery	Extension	Liquidated
No.	order No.	Ordered	Dispatche	Dispatched	period up	required	Damages
	& dated	(MT)	d within	after	to	up to	imposed
			delivery	delivery		(in days)	(In Rs.)

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			period (MT)	period (MT)			·
1	No. 39029- 088 dated 31-01-2015	1937	229.00	1708.00	31-03-2015	05-09-2015 (158 days)	90,34,296/-
· 2	No. 24229- 294 dated 26-09-15	4982	1344.58	3637.42	25-11-2015	16-03-2016 (112 days)	1,15,91,939/-
3	No. 7060- 121 dated 23-06-2016	2010	1188.10	821.90	22-08-2016	05-09-2015 (54 days)	24,89,526/-
						Total:	2,31,15,761/-

Since the items was taken up as additional agenda items, the committee decided to send the case on single file for examination and legal opinion before approval.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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