

Sub:- Foprests-Acceptance of post offers in respect of sale of residual growth by open auction, sale of timber in depots

by auction and supply contract for which tenders are called to work down timber to depots.

A scheme for acceptance of post offers in respect of sale of timber and other forest produce has been in vogue for sometime. The question of adopting a uniform procedure to deal with post offers has been considered by Govt. and the following procedure to deal with post offers is proposed.

2. In the case of auction sales of residual tree growth in coupes and timber in Forest Depots post Offers which are not advantageous by more than 10% of the original offer (where the bid amount is Rs.one lakh and above) and more than 20% (where the bid amount is less than Rs.one lakh) will be primarily rejected. In other cases such offers may be considered under the following conditions:

- i) The post offer is made within seven days of sanction.
- ii) The post offerer remit double the amount paid by the highest bidder on the auction date.
- iii) Chalan or bank deposit receipt for the amount remitted is produced to the concerned officer within seven days from date of receipt of registered notice requiring such remittance.

3, In the case of tenders for supply works, post offers which are not advantageous by more than 5% of the lowest rate offered for the original tender (where the total cost of the work as per the tender is Rs. one lakh and above) and more than 10% (where the total cost of the work is less than Rs.one lakh) will be summarily rejected. In other cases, it will be considered under the following conditions:-

- i) The post offer is made within seven days of tender.
 - ii) The post offerer remits double the security for the work based on the rate offered by the lowest tenderer.
 - iii) The remittance is made within seven days from the date of receipt of registered notice.
4. The post offerer, after satisfying the conditions specified above, should also execute an agreement before the concerned officer, pledging the security for the due fulfilment of the above conditions. This agreement is necessary in the case of the soupe sales, depot auctions and supply works.

5. If the post offer satisfies the conditions specified above, a reauction will be conducted or retender called for after giving the usual publicity as per rules. In the reauction or retender, if the price fetched or the rate offered does not come up to what has been offered by the post offerer, it will be awarded to the post offerer at the rate offered by him. If he backs out, the security amount remitted by him will be forfeited to Govt. If, however, the bid amount in the case of sale coupes and depot sales is above what has been offered by the post offerer in case of supply works, the work will be awarded to the highest bidder or the lowest tenderer and the amount remitted by the post offerer released to him.

6. The above conditions are proposed to be incorporated in the sale and tender notices to be issued by the forest Department in future. I am to request you to forward your considered views on the proposal.

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