

FINANCE [Salaries] DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.243, Dated 21st August 2017.

(Heyvilambi, Avani-5, Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2048)

ABSTRACT

TENDERS – Publication of Notice Inviting Tender in Newspapers – Revision of financial norms for advertisement - Orders – Issued.

Read:-

1. G.O.(Ms) No.108, Information & Tourism Department, dated 28-05-1999.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.392, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 18-08-2009.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.307, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 01-11-2011.

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ORDER:

In Article 125 and Article 192 of Tamil Nadu Financial Code Volume-I, it is provided for inviting tenders to procure goods / services and works by public advertisement in prominent newspapers. The norms for publishing tender notices in newspapers were fixed and revised from time to time by the Government.

2. In the Government order first read above, norms for publishing tender notices in newspapers by various public procurement entities in the State were prescribed as detailed below:-

Details of Newspaper			Value of Procurement	
Area	English	Tamil	Goods/ Services	Works
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
District	---	2 (District edition)	Above Rs.5 lakh and upto Rs.10 lakh	Above Rs.10 lakh and upto Rs.25 lakh
State	1 (State Edition)	1 (All editions in Tamil Nadu)	Above Rs.10 lakh and upto Rs.25 lakh	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.1 crore
South India	1 (South India edition)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.1 crore	Above Rs.1 crore and upto Rs.5 crore
All India	1 (All India edition)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.1 crore	Above Rs.5 crore

3. The Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000 were notified with effect from 01.10.2000. Consequently, orders were issued in the G.O. second read above, revising the financial norms for advertisement and prescribing certain conditions for publishing tender notices in newspapers as detailed below, so as to restrict the advertisement only to open tenders:-

(i) Revised norms for tenders advertisements:-

Details of Newspaper			Value of Procurement	
Area	English	Tamil	Goods/ Services	Construction
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
District	---	2 (District-level editions only)	---	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.1 crore.
State	---	2 (All editions in Tamil Nadu)	Above Rs.10 lakh and upto Rs.50 lakh.	Above Rs.1 crore and upto Rs.5 crore.
All India	1 (All India edition)	1 (All editions in Tamil Nadu)	Above Rs.50 lakh and upto Rs.50 crore.	Above Rs.5 crore and upto Rs.50 crore.
	2 (1 being Business Daily) All India edition and Indian Trade Journal	1 (All editions in Tamil Nadu)	Above Rs.50 crore.	Above Rs.50 crore.

(ii) Conditions for publication of tender advertisements:-

- (a) In addition to the publication of the tender notices in newspapers, it shall also be published in the dedicated Government website for tenders in accordance with rules already in force. All tender notices shall include the web address of this dedicated website, which at present is www.tenders.tn.gov.in;
- (b) When more than one tender is bunched in a tender notice, the highest value among the individual tenders should be considered to determine the applicable norms. The sum total of values of all individual tenders cannot be considered.
- (c) Tender Inviting Authorities, in their communication to the Director of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) for publishing the tender notice, should clearly specify the size of the required advertisement and the Director of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) should not place advertisements in excess of the required space. The maximum size of the

advertisement of the tender notice shall be *50 sq.cm for all procurements up to Rs.5 crore and 100 sq.cm for all procurements above Rs.5 crore but up to Rs.50 crore*. For procurements above Rs.50 crore, there shall be no size restriction, but tender inviting authorities may, as far as possible, restrict the same to 100 sq.cm.

- (d) Tender Inviting Authorities, in their communication to the Director of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) for publishing the tender notice, should clearly specify the estimated value of procurement. In the case of civil works, value as per the detailed estimate should be adopted. In the case of other procurements, the cost projected while obtaining the administrative sanction should be adopted. In rare cases, where this is not possible like routine procurement for ongoing schemes like noon-meals, Public Distribution System(PDS), etc, the per unit price obtained in the previous tender multiplied by the quantity sought to be procured can be taken as the basis of the estimated cost.
- (e) In the case of international competitive biddings, it would be open for the tender inviting authority to give additional advertisements in more number of newspapers.
- (f) In case of procurement under externally funded projects or other funded projects, if the norms insisted upon by the funding agency require publication in more number of newspapers or a bigger size for the tender notice, the same is permissible.
- (g) The aforesaid conditions will be in addition to all other mandatory conditions under the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1998) and the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000.
- (h) The aforesaid conditions apply only for procurement of goods and services and shall not apply for advertisements like those regarding regular recruitment into Government service, publicity for Government programmes, etc.
- (i) The expression 'Construction' in this Government order will have the same meaning as the expression 'Construction' in Section 2(a) of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1998) and shall cover all civil works including maintenance or renovation of existing structures.

4. In the Government order third read above, orders were issued to amend para 3 of the Government order second read above so as to revise the financial norms for advertising notice inviting tenders in newspapers as detailed below:-

Details of Newspaper			Value of Procurement	
Area	English	Tamil	Goods/ Services	Works
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
District	---	2 (District edition)	Above Rs.5 lakh and upto Rs.10 lakh.	Above Rs.10 lakh and upto Rs.25 lakh.
State	1 (Tamil Nadu Edition)	1 (All editions in Tamil Nadu)	Above Rs.10 lakh and upto Rs.25 lakh.	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.1 crore.
South India	1 (South India edition)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.1 crore.	Above Rs.1 crore and upto Rs.5 crore.
All India	1 (All India edition)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.1 crore.	Above Rs.5 crore.
	Indian Trade Journal		Above Rs.50 crore.	Above Rs.50 crore.

5. The existing norms providing for publication of tender notices in newspaper for low value procurement also. In addition, certain public procurement entities are publishing advertisements exceeding the approved size led to huge expenditure on advertisement. Considering the negative impact of existing norms on public finance, the Government have decided to revise the financial norms and the size of the advertisement and issue orders as follows:

(i) Revised norms for advertisement of tender notice:-

Details of Newspaper			Value of Procurement	
Area	English	Tamil	Goods/ Services	Works
			Revised Norms	Revised Norms
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
District	---	1 (District edition)	Above Rs.10 lakh and upto Rs.25 lakh	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.50 lakh.
State	1 (All editions in the State)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.25 lakh and upto Rs.3 crore.	Above Rs.50 lakh and upto Rs.3 crore.

Details of Newspaper			Value of Procurement	
Area	English	Tamil	Goods/ Services	Works
			Revised Norms	Revised Norms
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
South India	1 (South India edition)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.3 crore and upto Rs.5 crore.	Above Rs.3 crore and upto Rs.5 crore.
All India	1 (All India edition)	1 (All editions in the State)	Above Rs.5 crore and upto Rs.75 crore.	Above Rs.5 crore and upto Rs.75 crore.
	Indian Trade Journal		Above Rs.75 crore.	Above Rs.75 crore.

(ii) The size of the advertisement shall be

(a) not exceeding 50 sq.cm. : for all procurements upto Rs.10 crore; and

(b) upto 100 sq.cm. : for all procurements above Rs.10 crore;

(iii) All other conditions prescribed in the Government Order second read above, shall continue to apply and shall be followed scrupulously.

6. The Director of Information and Public Relations shall apply the size of advertisement as ordered above scrupulously, while releasing advertisements of public procurement entities.

7. Necessary amendment to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000, will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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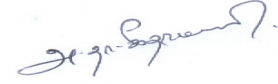
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