Clarifications on the Pre-Bid Queries raised by the Prospective Bidders on the RFP issued by NHIDCL for Empanelment of Banks for Implementing "Central Land Acquisition Compensation Fund Management System"

The pre bid conference for the above-mentioned tender was held at NHIDCL-HQ, Tower-A, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029 on 01st August 2025 at 03:00 PM.

Following are the clarifications to pre-bid queries raised by the prospective bidders on the Bid Document (RFP):

Sl. No.	Reference/Clause No.	Queries by Bankers	Clarification of NHIDCL	
1.	Clause 1(c)	Account Type	The bank accounts are tailor made accounts on which interest is payable by the banks on the daily closing balances. The interest amount is to be transferred on monthly basis to another bank account of NHIDCL. The funds kept in these bank accounts are Government Funds.	
2.	Clause 1 (c)	Escrow Bank Accounts	The word "Escrow" in Clauses 1,2 & 3 are deleted.	
3.	Clause 1 (c)	Mode of Operation	The bank accounts are opened with Parent Child Concept. The Central Pool account (Parent Account) maintained at New Delhi. The zero-balance bank account (Child Account) opened in the name of CALAs (DC/ADC) jointly with GM (P), NHIDCL and operated singly/jointly by the respective CALAs. Only CALAs are authorized to operate & make payments from the Zero Balance Bank Account (Child Account) to the beneficiaries. The funds in the Zero-Balance Bank Account (Child Account) will be given by the Regional Offices of NHIDCL. Instruction for creation of limits will also be given by the concerned Regional Offices of NHIDCL.	

			In exceptional situation, instructions are issued to the bank by the authorized signatory(ies) of NHIDCL.	
4.	Clause 1 (d)	No. of Banks to be empaneled	Refer Para 1(d) of the RFP (No change).	
5.	Clause 2 (vii)	Payment of Interest-whether it is quarterly or monthly is quarterly or monthly Interest so earned on the bank deposits shall be credited to bank account of NHIDCL (to be intimated later) on a Monthly		
6.	Clause 4 (f)	Minimum Branches in each of the States The bank should have minimum 1 (one) branch in each of the North Eastern States, UT of Jammu & Kashmir & Siliguri Region of West Bengal. The Banks with no branch in any of the States mentioned above shall not eligible. The minimum network of 50 branches is required in these states. However, there is no marks for less than 100 bank branches in these states (refer Para 5.4 - Marking Scheme- Data Sheet of RFP).		
7.	Clause 4 (f)	Nationalized Bank	The word "Nationalized Bank" in Clause 4 (f) stands changed to "Scheduled Commercial Bank"	
8.	Clause 2 (iii), 4 & Annexure – IV.	Undertaking to open new branches	In view of difficulties in opening new branches expressed by the banks, the para mentioned in Clause 2 (iii), 4 & Annexure-IV stands withdrawn. The empaneled bank, which will open the branch near the CALA, may get the Child Bank Account.	
9.	Clause 6 & 8 (a)	Crucial Dates	Date mentioned in Clause 6 & Clause 8(a) are superseded by the dates mentioned in the Clause 8 (f) of RFP.	
10.	On request of the prospective bidders	Process flow of Transaction & Limit Assignment	Process Flow of Transaction (An Illustration on the Request of Bankers):	

- 1. Initially, the funds are transferred by the concerned Regional Offices of NHIDCL (RO) to the concerned CALA Bank Account (Child Account).
- 2. At the time of receipt of funds and instruction for creation of limits by the RO, the bank will create a drawing limit equal to the funds received for respective CALAs.
- 3. At the end of the day, the balances available in Child Account shall automatically transferred to Parent Account i.e., Central Pool Account but the limit (drawing rights) remains with concerned CALAs.
- 4. As and when the instruments for payments are presented by the respective CALAs, payment will be honored by the bank by entry in the child bank account with corresponding reduction in the drawing limits. The funds will be transferred from Centralized Pool Account to the respective Child Account at the end of the day.
- 5. The CALAs are authorized to make payments from the respective Child Bank Accounts only up to the limits assigned. **No payments shall be made beyond the limits assigned**.
- 6. As and when, the additional funds are transferred by the RO to the Child Bank Account, the same process, as done for creation of limits will be followed.
- 7. In case of any failed transaction due to any reason, the drawing limit of the respective CALAs shall be automatically restored under intimation to the concerned CALA and the RO along with the details of such transactions. Such transactions shall be separately displayed on the dash board also.

			8. NHIDCL-HQ will oversee and issue instructions to the bank as and when required. The detailed operating instructions will be incorporated in the MoU to be signed with the selected empaneled bank(s).	
11.	On request of the	CALA Fund Balance at Year	The historic figures for preceding 5 years are as follows:	
	prospective bidders	end	Financial Year	Year-end Closing Balance of CALA Funds
			2024-25	2,917.18 Crores
			2023-24	3,736.90 Crores
			2022-23	1,817.67 Crores
			2021-22	2,033.26 Crores
			2020-21	1,800.39 Crores

The Draft MoU to be signed with the empanelled banks & the Updated RFP (considering the queries raised in the Pre-bid Conference) are also enclosed.