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1	Clause 7.2.2 of Schedule B	The type and dimensional details of the existing culverts at the locations of culverts to be reconstructed as listed are not available for assessment of structural dismantling quantities.	The type and dimensional details of the existing culverts are given at Clause 10 of Annex-I to Schedule A. Bidders are requested to carry out the actual assessment as per site condition.
2	General	The values of the contour lines shown in the uploaded plan and profile are not available thereby we are unable to estimate cutting and filling quantities accurately.	AutoCAD version of Plan and Profile Drawings has been uploaded with the Amendment no. 3. The drawings and topographic data provided to the bidders are for reference purpose, accurate topographic plan shall be performed by the Contractor in the first instance for the Detailed Design.
3	Page No. 8 of RFP Clause no. 1.1.1	Estimate Project Cost not given / specified.	Please refer amendment no. 10. Bidders may NOTE that the details in the cost estimate are only indicative and the bidders have to assess the cost at their own before submitting their bids.
4	General	Kindly clarify whether the Project cost has catered for the increase in cost due to GST provisions?	Contractors are requested to assess the cost at their own and quote financial proposal accordingly. Quoted amount shall be inclusive of all taxes including Goods and Service Tax.

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5	Page No. 8 of RFP	Time period given is 42 months- This is less considering that the effective working period is only 4 to 5 months per year as no work is possible during monsoons, hence only 3 working seasons would be available amounting to working time of 15 months in totality. Moreover, as it is a widening of existing road, progress would be hampered due to traffic movement. Hence a realistic time period of 5 working seasons amounting to 66 months should be given.	As per RFP.
6	Page No. 11 of RFP, Clause no. 2.1.4	DPR mentioned as being provided but not provided.	As per amendment no. 3.
7	Page No. 82 of Draft Contract Agreement	Rebar and grey cement, commodity as per WPI base year 2004-2005 is no longer in existence. In new WPI index as per 2011-12 new similar commodities have been specified hence this needs to be revised.	As per Amendment no. 10.
8	Page no. 146	Forest Clearance- obtained or not. Kindly clearly specify.	In-principal (Stage-1) approval of Forest Clearance has been granted.
9	Clause no. 9.3 Page no. 181	compulsory afforestation- specify no. of trees to be cut.	Tree enumeration has been completed by Environment Forests & Climate Change for notified forest areas and non-notified area. Details are awaited from state forest department. Bidders are also requested to carry out the actual assessment as per site condition.
10	Page no. 166	HPC- Type 1 & Type 2- Drawing says type A and Type B.	Drawing Type A and Type B are corresponding to HPC Type 1 and Type 2 respectively.



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11	Page no. 180 Clause 7.8.2 and 7.8.3	Scope is well defined- Note 2: Any increase in qty not payable what about decrease in qty.	It may please be noted that the quantities mentioned in Schedule B are bare minimum and for any decrease in quantity proportionate payment shall be made as per executed quantity vis-a-vis the total quantity (length/ area/ volume) mentioned in Schedule B. However, no additional payment shall be made for any increase in quantity. Bidders are requested to assess the actual quantity and upload financial proposal accordingly.
12	Page no. 180 Clause 7.8.4	Specifies turfing of full cutting slope is to be done or as specified in table on page 178/179.	Turfing shall be made as shown in the Drawings and in accordance with the applicable Specifications as mentioned in RFP document.
13	Page no. 183/184	Sch 'C' spoil banks tentative quantity be given for each.	As per RFP.
14	Page no. 185/186 Clause 3.1	For site office clearly specify the scope of supply of land for construction, furniture and fittings. Also clarify whether water, electricity, etc needs also to be provided by contractor.	Schedule C is showing the indicative information and the Contractors shall confirm with the Authority's Engineer/ Authority when performing the detailed design and the works. The land shall be arranged by the Contractor at its own cost in coordination with the Authority. The Contractor at its own cost shall provide water, electricity, maintenance, etc.
15	Page no. 187 Clause no. 3.2	Temporary accommodation —Kirdy clearly specify the scope of furniture and fittings. Also clarify whether water, electricity, etc needs also to be provided by contractor.	Schedule C is showing the indicative information and the Contractors shall confirm with the Authority's Engineer/ Authority when performing the detailed design and the works. The Contractor at its own cost shall provide water, electricity, maintenance, etc.

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16	Page no. 189/190 Clause no. 3.2.2	Permanent Accommodation -Kindly clearly specify the scope of supply Cif land for constructionfurniture and fittings. Also clarify whether water, electricity. etc needs also to be provided by contractor.	Schedule C is showing the indicative information and the Contractors shall confirm with the Authority's Engineer/ Authority when performing the detailed design and the works. The land shall be arranged by the Contractor at its own cost in coordination with the Authority. The Contractor at its own cost shall provide water, electricity, maintenance, etc.
17	General	Ownership of building and fittings after completion of work needs to be specified.	The Contractor has to provide these facilities during Construction Period and Defect Liability Period.
18	Page no. 192 Clause no. 2.2 (b)	Mentions carraige width shall be 7.0 m with 1.5 hard shoulder. Clarify.	As per Amendment no. 10.
19	Page no. 197 Clause no. 3.1(h)	Landslides during Construction period rectifying and stability works due to them needs to be kept out of scope of contractor. Landslide zones already identified on page no. 170 Clause no: 7.8.2 should form the basis of landslip zones identified as the future landslip zones develop after formation cutting and cannot be identified at this stage.	As per RFP.
20	Page no. 224/ 225 Clause no. 4	Whether Geometric Design Criteria for Highway is to be followed in totality?	Yes. Please see "Table- Summary of Geometric Design Criteria for Highway" in schedule B".
21	Page no. 232	Unleaded Petrol/Sulphur free diesel not available in IOCL in sufficient quantities. Normal diesel should be allowable.	As per RFP.
22	Page no. 257/258	Maintenance period - Damage due factors not attributable to contractor needs to be paid to contractor. Claim as obtained from insurance can be retained by Employer.	As per RFP.



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23	Page no. 276 Sch 'H' Clause no. 1.2	The percentage of road works A - (1), (2) and (7) taken as 24% of the total project cost should be increased to at least 42% and crust work could be reduced from existing 40% to 22%. This due to extra cost in carrying out the works	As per RFP.
24	Clause no. 1.3.1 A (1) to (6) Clause no. 1.3.4 (ii) and 1.3.4 (vi)	The payment of each stage shall be made on prorata basis on completion of a stage length of not less than 5% of the total length instead 10 %. This would ensure cash flow in the project and enhance the progress of work.	As per RFP.
25	Plan and Profile	Plan and Profile not provided from Ch.373.940 to Ch.380.000.	Design chainage 373.940 corresponds to existing chainage 380.000 which is the end point of Package 8.
26	General	We understand that the land for the clients office and accomodation will be provided by NHIDCL and the contractor need not factor the same in his bid. Please Clarify	The land for the clients office and accomodation is to be arranged by the Contractor at his own cost.
27	General	We understand that the cross section elements as indicated in the drawings are tentative and the same can vary as per the actual design. Please clarify	The Cross Section element as per the design of the Contractor are required to meet the Specifications & Standards mentioned in the RFP document.
28	General	Please clarify the tree cutting permission status and also the ownership of the same after cutting	Proposal for tree cutting permission is under process. The ownership of trees after cutting shall be as per prevailing regulations.
29	General	Please mention the Land acquisition with respect to the existing centre line and the possibility of Land acquisition with respect to the design centre line if required.	
30	General	The minimum ROW mentioned is 20 to 24m. We presume that ROW is considered from the existing Road Centreline and it is 9m on valley side and 15m on hill side ,also the additional ROW will be provided on hill side if its required as per geometric improvement. Please confirm	Land is being acquired as per the provisions of RFP considering the requirement of construction as per the design centreline.

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31	General	We presume that the slope protection method/technique and quantity mentioned in the schedule is not Mandatory and Contractor is free to choose the best available method	The slope protection method/technique as per the design of the Contractor are required to meet the Specifications & Standards mentioned in the RFP document.
32	General	We understand that as per the laid down policy for model RFP the Threshold Capacity for works costing below Rs. 500.00 Crore is 1.50 times the EPC cost. However, even though EPC is less than Rs. 500 Cr, the threshold capacity has been given as 2 times. It is therefore requested that suitable amendment may please be made to the RFP to keep the threshold capacity as 1.50 times.	As per amendment no. 10.
33	Time Extension	Considering very short time available for costing and estimation it is not permissible to conduct any Site investigation, Hence please extend the dates suitably to conduct minimum required investigations for the bidding purpose.	As per amendment no. 10.

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