

Name of Project: Widening and upgradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration and geometric improvement from km 0.000 to km 16.990 on Chenani – Sudhmahadev section of NH-244 in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Reply to Pre-Bid Queries

Sr. No.	Clause	Description	Suggestions/Query	Reply
1.	Drawings	Plan & Profile	Levels of only ground level of CL are provided. However to estimate cut and fill we need to have levels @10 m either side of center line. Please confirm.	Copy of DPR is provided for reference purpose only. However, being EPC Contract, the Contractor to do the design.
2.			Major bridge at Chainage 2.575: IN Plan & Profile, the span arrangement of major bridge depicts that middle span of 83 m which comes on the existing road. The overall length of bridge is 250 m. Can EPC Contractor modify the span arrangements as per site conditions?	Please refer to clause 13 of the schedule B in this regard.
			Chainage 15+000: 25 m filling is proposed in Plan & Profile, so height of Retaining wall will be considerably more as ROW is restricted to 24 m. Please Advise.	Please refer to Amendment no 1 for cross-section details.
3.	Schedule B		The details of type of superstructures, superstructures and foundation are not provided in Schedule B. However some details are provided in enclosed GAD. Since, GAD are indicative hence confirm the span arrangements and type of structure in Schedule B. Breast wall length/ height is not defined while the length of the retaining wall is defined in Schedule B. Please provide the length and height of breast wall and site specific height of retaining wall. Please Advise.	The details of type of superstructures, superstructures and foundation has been mentioned in GADs. The length of retaining wall and breast wall is mentioned in the Schedule B. Please refer to Amendment no 1 . On an average, the height of retaining wall and breast wall is taken as 3m & 1.5m which can be changed as per the site condition.
4.		Geo-Technical Investigation Report	Please provide the Geotechnical Investigation report for Major Bridges and Minor Bridges	Please refer to Amendment No 1
5.	Schedule A		In Schedule A, the width of existing carriageway is given as 10.8 m from km 0+000 to 1+700 whereas on site it is 6.0 m on an	Please refer to Amendment No 1

			average. Please confirm.	
6.	Article 19 19.10.4 (e)	The following percentage shall govern the price adjustment of the contract price.	Request Authority that the percentage of various components of work labour (PL), steel (PS), Bitumen (PB), Fuel & Lubricants (PF) other materials (PM). Plant Machinery and Spares (PA) etc shall be proposed by contractor based on actual consumption instead of fix percentage in DCA.	As per RFP
7.	Cl. 4.1.3 (a) of EPC	Obligation of Authority The Authority shall provide to the Contractor: " ... The Right of Way in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 8.2 and 8.3, within a period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of his Agreement, on no less than 90% of the total length of the Project Highway"	Please provide the current status of land acquisition (3A, 3D, 3G and 3H)	Land is being acquired under J&K land Act 1990 and the same shall be provided to the contractor as per the Annexure-II of Schedule A.
8.	Cl. No. 19.2 of EPC	Advance Payment Sub' Clause 19.2.1 to 19.2.5 Sub Clause 19.2.1 "The Authority' shall make an interest-free advance payment, (the "Advance Payment"), equal in amount to 10(ten) percent of the Contract Price, for mobilization expenses and for acquisition of equipment. The Advance Payment shall be made in three installments. The first installment shall be an amount equal to 2% of the Contract Price, the second installment shall be equal to 3% of the Contract Price, and the third installment shall be equal to 5% of the	In order to facilitate the contractor to undertake design, survey geotechnical investigation and mobilization it is requested that client shall provide mobilization and equipment advance immediately after signing of the Contract. Thus the relevant clauses may please be modified as "The Authority shall make an interest-free advance payment (the advance payment") equal in amount to 15 (fifteen) percent of the contract price, for mobilization expenses and for acquisition of equipment. The advance payment shall be made in 2 installments. The first installment shall be an amount equal to 10% of the contract price and the second installment shall be equal to 5% of the contract price.	As per the DCA , the Advance payments towards mobilization and machinery shall be interest bearing as provisioned under sub clauses 19.2.1 to 19.2.5. The query is not in accordance with the provisions of DCA in this regard Please further refer to RFP in this regard.
	Sub Clause 19.2.2	The Contractor may apply to the Authority for the first ,installment of	The Contractor may apply to the Authority for the first installment of the Advance Payment at any time after the Date of Signing of	As per RFP.

		the Advance Payment at any time after the Appointed Date, along with an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for an amount equivalent to 110% of such installment, substantially in the form provided at Annex-fl of Schedule-G, to remain' effective till the complete and full repayment thereof."	Contract, along with an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for an amount equivalent to 100% of such Advance amount, substantially in the form provided at Annex-III of Schedule-G, to remain effective till the complete and full repayment thereof."	
	Sub clause 19.2.3	"At any time after 30 days from the Appointed Date, the Contractor may apply for the second installment of the' Advance Payment along with an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for an amount equivalent to 110% of such installment, substantially in the form provided at Annex-III of Schedule-G, to remain effective till the complete and full repayment thereof."	At any time after 30 days from the Appointed Date, the Contractor may apply for the second installment of the Advance Payment along with an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for an amount equivalent to 100% of such installment, substantially in the form provided at Annex-III of Schedule-G, to remain effective till the complete and full repayment thereof."	This clause does not exist in DCA/RFP.
9	General		Please provide the location of dumping areas	Dumping areas shall be provided to the preferred bidder by the Authority.
10	General		Please provide the status of utility shifting	Estimates are under preparation by the Utility owning department.
11	Schedule H		Earthwork up to top of the sub-grade, granular work (sub-base, base, shoulders) Dense Bituminous Concrete (BC) for which "the unit of measurement is given as liner length payment of each stage shall be made on pro rata basis on completion of a stage in full" generally it will be 10% of Widening and strengthening length.	Please refer to Amendment no. 1.

