केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग
कार्यालय ज्ञापन

No. DG/Manual-2024/21

ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, CPWD

Vidyut Bhawan, New Delhi **Dated: 02.03.2026**

Subject : Guidelines regarding "Operation of Price Preference to Contractor of SC and ST category for Award of Contract" in respect of works in CPWD - Extension upto 31.12.2027.

The concession admissible to the SC/ST contractors of SC and ST has been reviewed by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and accordingly this Directorate's OM No. DG/MANUAL 2022/14 dated 01.01.2024 is hereby modified as hereunder:

1. This modification will take effect from 01.01.2026.
2. For works upto and equal to an estimated cost of Rs. 2.80 lakh, a price preference upto 5% **(with reference to the lowest valid price bid)** may be allowed in favour of individual SC/ST contractor. In such cases tender may be entertained even from non-enlisted SC/ST contractors. No earnest money is required in such cases.
3. For works beyond an estimated cost of Rs. 2.80 lakh and upto and equal to estimated cost of Rs. 6.40 lakh, tenders may be invited only from CPWD enlisted contractors. The price preference upto 5 % **(with reference to the lowest valid price bid)** may be allowed in favour of **individual** SC/ST Contactor. However, earnest money at a reduced rate of ½% may be accepted in such cases. In all such cases, the above concession shall be allowed only after proper verification of the individual contractor's claim of belonging to SC or ST community, as the case may be.

These concessions will be admissible upto 31.12.2027 and CPWD Works Manual 2024 para 4.3 stands amended accordingly.

This issues with the approval of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

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Guidelines regarding "Operation of Price Preference to Contractor belonging to SC/ST for Award of Contract".

Example 1

Assuming Estimated Cost put to tender (ECPT)	= Rs. 100/-	'A'
Assuming %age quoted by the lowest valid tenderer of General Category	= 10% above the ECPT	
Therefore, quoted amount by the lowest valid tenderer	= Rs. 110/-	'B'
Price Preference allowed to individual SC/ST contractor is 5% i.e. 5% of 'B' = Rs. 5.50	= Rs. 5.50	
Total	Rs. 110 + Rs. 5.50 = Rs. 115.50	

Hence, if an individual contractor belonging to SC/ST category quotes his rates between 10% above to 15.50% above and General Category lowest valid tenderer has quoted his rates at 10% above the ECPT, then the work shall be awarded to the contractor belonging to SC/ST category at his quoted rates. This is however, subject to provisions of CPWD Works Manual 2019 Para 5.1.6 i.e. Justification of Rates.

Example 2

Assuming Estimated Cost put to tender (ECPT)	= Rs. 100/-	'A'
Assuming %age quoted by the lowest valid tenderer of General Category	= 10% below the ECPT	
Therefore, quoted amount by the lowest valid tenderer	= Rs. 90/-	'B'
Price Preference allowed to individual SC/ST contractor is 5% i.e. 5% of 'B' = Rs. 4.50	= Rs. 4.50	
Total	Rs. 90+Rs. =4.50 Rs. 94.50	

Hence, if an individual contractor belonging to SC/ST category quotes his rates between 5.50% below to 10% below and General Category lowest valid tenderer has quoted his rates at 10% below the ECPT, then the work shall be awarded to the contractor belonging to SC/ST category at his quoted rates. This is however subject to provisions of CPWD Works Manual 2019 Para 5.1.6 i.e. Justification of Rates.

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No. DG/CON/Construction 2023/20

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, CPWD

VIDYUT BHAWAN, NEW DELHI Dated: 27.02.2026

Subject: Modifications in General Rules & Directions, Clause 1 and Schedule E of GCC 2023 Construction Works

The following modifications are made in the General Rules & Directions, Clause 1 and Schedule E of GCC 2023 Construction Works.

Existing provision	Modified provision
General Rules & Directions 11 (i) The Contractor whose tender is accepted, will be required to furnish performance guarantee at specified percentage of the tendered amount as mentioned in Schedule 'E' and within the period specified in Schedule F.	**General Rules & Directions** 11 (i) The Contractor whose tender is accepted, will be required to furnish performance guarantee as mentioned in Schedule 'E' and within the period specified in Schedule F. .....
Clause 1 **Performance Guarantee** (i) The contractor shall submit an irrevocable Performance Guarantee at specified percentage of the tendered amount as mentioned in Schedule 'E', in addition to other deposits mentioned elsewhere in the contract for his proper performance of the contract agreement, (not withstanding and/or without prejudice to any other provisions in the contract) within period specified in Schedule 'F' from the date of issue of letter of acceptance.	**Clause 1** **Performance Guarantee** (i) The contractor shall submit an irrevocable Performance Guarantee as mentioned in Schedule 'E', in addition to other deposits mentioned elsewhere in the contract for his proper performance of the contract agreement, (not withstanding and/or without prejudice to any other provisions in the contract) within period specified in Schedule 'F' from the date of issue of letter of acceptance. .....
Sl. No. (ii) to (v)	No change
SCHEDULE 'E' Reference to General Conditions of contract Sl. No. (i)	**SCHEDULE 'E'** Reference to General Conditions of contract No change

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(ii) Performance Guarantee : 5% of tendered value.	(ii) Performance Guarantee : **(a)** 5% of tendered value **or Estimated Cost Put to Tender (ECPT) (whichever is higher).** **(b) Where the tendered amount is less than eighty percent (80%) of the Estimated Cost Put to Tender (ECPT), the Performance Guarantee, in addition to the requirement under (a) above, shall be increased by an amount equal to the difference between eighty percent (80%) of the ECPT and the tendered amount.**
Sl. No. (iii)	No change

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