



Odisha Bridge & Construction Corporation Limited (OBCC) under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Krishan Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Works Deptt., has been periodically publishing notices for inviting tender for the development of Puri town under the above mentioned scheme (ABADHA). Dr. Krishan Kumar leadership and diligence as Chief Administrator of Shri Jagannath Temple in developing Puri Temple is to emulate.

Our contractor members have participated in such tenders and more members are showing interest in participating in the future tenders as well as they all want to be a part of your dream of making state of Odisha as one of the most developed state in India.

However, the system being followed by some officers in OBCC, apparently without the knowledge of honorable Commissioner-cum-Secretary, in selecting bidders does not seem to be transparent resulting in only few parties being selected whose financial bids when opened are found to be at much higher rate. This might not be in the knowledge of honorable Commissioner-cum-Secretary, OBCC.

The objective of any transparent procurement system is to ensure value for the money spent and simultaneously ensuring upgradation of technology and capacity building.

The Central Vigilance Commission in its circular with no. 01/04/14 dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 on Short Coming in Bid Document has clearly opined that *“whatever pre-qualification, evaluation/ exclusion criteria etc. which the organization wants to adopt should be made explicit at the time of inviting tender so that basic concept of transparency and interest of equity and fairness are satisfied. The acceptance / rejection of any bid should not be arbitrary but on justified grounds as per the laid down specification, evaluation/exclusion criteria leaving no room for complaints as after all, the bidder spend a lot of time and energy beside financial cost initially in preparing the bids and thereafter in following up with the originations in submitting various clarifications and presentations”*. The copy of the circular is being enclosed for your ready reference.

The works being tenders under **ABADHA Scheme** involve a lot of preparation both in terms of financial and human resources. Thus, after having invested huge resources disqualifying bidders, without asking for clarifications and presentations explaining their respective bid, goes against the spirit of the CVC guidelines and are against the principal of natural justice as well.

The technical bid should be evaluated in a transparent fashion and the bidders should be asked to give clarification/ presentation instead of summarily rejecting them. Hence the result is that the financial bids are being opened of only selected few and consequently the financial bids of such selected few parties is at much higher rate which is a loss to the State of Odisha. In one of the recent tender on **Shree Mandira Parikrama Project in the Heritage city of Puri under ABHADA Scheme** the variation in the bid of the selected bidder (Tata Projects Ltd.) is as high as 20% ( around Rs 50 cr more) as compared to the bid of few of our members whose tender were rejected without any clarifications.

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Therefore, you are earnestly requested to kindly look into the matter and **recalling the tender of Shri Mandira Parikrama Project** to increase healthy competition to select good bidder with the lowest price to be borne by the State thus saving huge hard earned money of the people of Odisha especially for these religious works and give appropriate directions so that this injustice being done can be immediately stopped.

BAI also seeks your kind blessing to open our first Centre in Odisha. We request your kind patronage so that awareness of the exemplary work being done by your good is known to all our members.

Thanking you in positive anticipation.

Yours faithfully,



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