



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Stores Purchase Department - Default supply of e-journals - Blacklisting of the firm M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore -orders issued.

STORES PURCHASE (B)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.02/2021/SPD

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 26/02/2021.

Read:-

1. G.O (Rt) No.1014/2017/H&FWD dated 6.04.2017.
2. G.O (Rt) No. 2027/2017/H&FWD dated 19/07/2017.
3. Letter No. C2/12390/2017/Govt.TDMCA dated 17/02/2018 from the Principal, Government T.D Medical College, Alappuzha.
4. Letter No.DME/27260/2018-P5 Dated 19.10.2020 from Director of Medical Education.
5. Show Cause Notice No.9/B3/2020/SPD Dated 19.01.2021.

ORDER

As per Government Order read as 1st & 2nd papers above, Government accorded two administrative Sanction orders for the purchase of e- journals for Central Library, Government Medical College, Alappuzha for the financial year 2017-18 for Rs. 5 lakh and for Rs 10 lakh each.

Quotation was invited separately for the procurement of journals by giving wide publicity. Four Quotations were received in time and the firm which quoted maximum discount ie, M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore for both the quotations was selected.

As per the Purchase Committee decision, supply order was given to M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals at a total amount of Rs. 14,98,030/- and that was acknowledged by M/s. JMJ Books & Periodicals Bangalore vide letter read as 3rd paper above. As per provisions under Stores Purchase Manual, an amount of Rs. 14,98,030/- was credited to the account of M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals as advance payment. M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals Bangalore also executed an agreement in Kerala stamp paper worth Rs. 200 for security bond and submitted written undertaking that they will supply the journals ordered in time. As per Supply order, subscription had to be started from the period of January 2018, immediately on receipt of Supply order and should have been completed before 30.03.2019. When the firm failed to supply the journals, the supplier was reminded through e-mail and over phone. They responded to the communications and informed that publishers will take 8 to 12 weeks to start subscription. There after they informed that they despatched the list of journals and requested to allow 5 days for arrival.

After that, in spite of repeated reminders, suppliers did not respond. Registered notice were issued to the firm in their available addresses by giving a deadline to start the supply of journals. But the same got returned with the endorsement "Addressee left". Several attempts were made by the purchasing entity to contact them over phone also, but no response was received from M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore. The Principal, Government Medical College, Alappuzha lodged a complaint against M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore, in Punnapra Police Station and an FIR was registered against M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore by invoking section 420 & 406 of IPC.

5033929/2021/(SPD) Taking into account the above contractual violations and based on the recommendations of Director of Medical Education, vide letter read as 4th paper above, Government initiated steps to blacklist M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore for the breach of contract as stated above, according to Para 5.25 of Stores Purchase Manual. Thereafter, a show cause Notice read as 5th paper above was issued to M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore to their available addresses at Bangalore and Mumbai and both was returned with the endorsement "Addressee left".

In the circumstances, after having examined the matter in detail Government decided to blacklist the firm, M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals, Bangalore for the breach of contract as stated above, according to the para 5.25 of Stores Purchase Manual and order that all proceedings against the firm is finalized as such.

Government Departments, Statutory Bodies, Corporations, Autonomous Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings under Government Of Kerala will not enter in to or involve in any business dealings with the firm from the date of this order.

By order of the Governor,
RAJESH KUMAR SINGH IAS
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals Pvt Ltd, No. 58, 2nd floor, above Canara Bank,
Sanjeevappa Lay out, Bangalore - 560033.

M/s. JMJ Books and Periodicals Pvt Ltd, 101 A Wing Girnas Tower, Mira Road,
Thana-401107, Nr.Golden Chariot Hotel (Map), Mumbai, Maharashtra.

All Head of Departments/Offices

Chief Executives of all Public Sector Undertakings

All District Collectors

Registrar of all Universities

Director of Medical Education, Kerala

Information & Public Relations Department.

(WEB and New Media, for uploading in the Government Official site)

Health (P) Department (Vide file No. HEALTH-P2/167/2019-HEALTH)

Director of Training, Industries Department

Secretary, Public Service Commission

Director of Panchayats (He will Communicate the order to all Grama Panchayats)

Secretary All District Panchayats

Commissioner For Rural Development

(He will Communicate the order to all Block Panchayats)

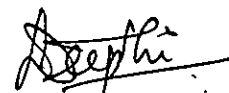
Director of Urban Affairs

(He will Communicate the order to all Municipalities/ Corporations)

Principal Accountant General (Audit /A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

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Section Officer.