

**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
PIU- NAGERCOIL**

Minutes of Tender committee Meeting for technical evaluation of the Tender for sale of standing Trees falling within the ROW of Four laning of Rajapalayam to Sengottai section of from Km 71.600 to Km 139.900 (New NH-744) in the state of Tamilnadu (Tender Ref no.: NHAI/PIU/NGL/NH-744/2025/05) - 2nd Call.

1. NHAI, PIU-Nagercoil invited bids vide Tender ID: 2024_NHAI_234718_1 for the works of **"Name of Work: Tender for sale of standing Trees falling within the ROW of Four laning of Rajapalayam to Sengottai section of from Km 71.600 to Km 139.900 (New NH-744) in the state of Tamilnadu"** with an estimated cost of Rs.1.89 Crore.
2. A committee has been constituted with the following members to carry out tender evaluation;
 1. Shri. T. Velraj, Project Director, PIU-Nagercoil
 2. Shri. R. Murugaprakash, DGM(T), RO-Madurai
 3. Shri. K. Murugan, Joint Advisor (Env. & Plantation), RO-Madurai
 4. Shri. Gyan Lilhare, Asst. Manager (F&A), PIU-Nagercoil
3. Bids invited on 08.05.2025 by giving 15 days' time and the last Date of submission of bids was scheduled as 23.05.2025 and technical bid opening proposed on 24.05.2025. Within the stipulated time, two bids have been received through online from the bidders, 1) M/s. P.Vijayabalan Works Contract, Vk Pudur 2) M/s Kuttyraja Contractor, Shenkottai. On the technical evaluation, one bidder M/s. Kuttyraja Contractor, Shenkottai has not qualified in the technical evaluation and hence the Tender Evaluation Committee unanimously decided to annul the bidding process and call fresh tender.
4. Accordingly, 2nd call for the above bid (Tender ID: 2024_NHAI_234718_2) has been called on 29.05.2025 with 7 days period and last date for bid submission as 05.06.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs and bid opening proposed as 06.06.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs. The Committee have opened the e-bids submitted through online and decrypted. Two bids have been received through online from the bidders, 1) M/s. P. Vijayabalan Works Contract, VK Pudur (Bid ID: 857898) 2) M/s Chinnathambi, Govt. Contractor, Tenkasi (Bid ID: 858339).
5. On the technical evaluation, both the bidders have qualified in the technical evaluation since both the bidders have furnished all the mandatory documents in line with the RFP. Hence, the Tender Evaluation Committee unanimously decided to open the financial bid of both the bidders in line with RFP.
6. Accordingly, the financial bids of both the bidders have been decrypted and opened on 18.06.2025. On evaluation, the amount quoted by the bidders are furnished below:

Estimate Amount:1,89,10,780



Sl. No.	Name of Bidder	Quoted Amount	% Above / Below	Status
1	M/s. P. Vijayabalan Works Contract, VK Pudur	1,20,00,781	Below 36.54%	H1
2	M/s Chinnathambi, Govt. Contractor, Tenkasi	1,13,46,468	Below 40.00%	H2

7. Since, the H1 bidder quoted Rs.1,20,00,781/- which is 36.54% less than the estimated value and this is the second call of the tender, the committee decided to seek detailed justification from the H1 bidder.

8. Accordingly, the H1 bidder M/s. P. Vijayabalan Works Contract, VK Pudur was requested vide PD, Nagercoil letter no. NHAI/PIU/NGL/NH-744/RS/Tree Cutting/2025/1459 dt. 21.06.2025, to furnish detailed justification on the price quoted. The H1 bidder has furnished rate justification vide his letter dated 25.06.2025 (received by email on 26.06.2025), in which following are stated:

- In the estimate, 91% of trees are fire wood trees and only 9% trees are timber trees.*
- There is huge difference in the value of teak trees between market price / official and the estimate price.*
- Value of Teak wood in Rajapalayam forest range Rs.18,035/- per tonne, inspite the value teak wood in Sivagiri, Sengottai Kadayanallur forest range is Rs. 90,570/- per tonne.*
- The market price of teak wood is Rs. 32500/- per tonne. Also the rate fixed by the GoTN is Rs.40000/- per tonne for Quality-1 and Rs.25000/- per tonne for Quality-2.*

9. Considering the above, since it is the second call for the above tender and both H1 & H2 has quoted similar less amount, PD-Nagercoil vide letter no. NHAI/PIU/NGL/NH-744/Tree Cutting/2025/1564 dated 03.07.2025, requested the DFO, Tenkasi, to provide clarification on the rate variation of Teak trees. Accordingly, DFO, Tenkasi replied vide Lr.No. 3332/2025 dated 01.08.2025 & received on 13.08.2025 (for Shengottai Forest Range) in which the value of teak trees has been corrected.

10. The revised market furnished by the DFO, Tenkasi has been examined and it is observed that the value of teak trees (per tonne) has been revised to Rs. 32,000/- (Quality-1), Rs. 25,000/- (Quality-2) and Rs. 15,000/- (Quality-3) against earlier value of Rs.90,570/-. The abstract of comparison of teak trees is furnished below:

Taluk Name	No.of Teak trees	Total Weight of Teak trees (Ton)	Rate per ton as per Tender (in Rs)	Total Amount as per Tender in Rs.	Revised rate per Ton as provided by DFO, Tenkasi (First Quality Teak considered)	Total Amount as per revised Rate (in Rs.)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(2)x(3)	(5)	(6)=(2)x(5)
Rajapalayam	78	7.94	18,035	1,43,126	32,000	2,54,080
Sivagiri	183	16.01	90,570	14,50,014	32,000	5,12,320
Kadayanallur	1190	56.6	90,570	51,26,605	32,000	18,11,200
Shenkottai	1420	62.47	90,570	56,57,718	32,000	19,99,040
Total				1,23,77,463		45,76,640


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11. Considering the revised rate of teak trees, the total cost of all trees works out to be Rs. 1,11,09,957/- (i.e. Rs. 45,76,640/- for teak trees & Rs. 65,33,317/- for all other trees) and as such the rates quoted by the H1 bidder Rs. 1,20,00,781/- is 8.02% higher than the revised rate of the trees. Hence, the rate quoted by the H1 bidder is justifiable.

12. Accordingly, based on the justification furnished by the H1 bidder and revised value of teak trees received from the DFO, Tenkasi, the committee unanimously decided that the bid submitted by the H1 bidder M/s. P. Vijayabalan Works Contract, VK Pudur, for amount of Rs.1,20,00,781/- is found reasonable and hence recommended for approval.


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Member


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Convener