



SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

78th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Date: March 24, 2017 (Friday)
Time: 4.00 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room,
SAI Head Office, J N Stadium Complex,
Lodi Road
New Delhi- 110 003

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Revised Agenda Item No.10

Re-Turfing of Football Field with natural grass and Allied works at SAI NSSC Bengaluru at an estimated cost of Rs. 417.99 lakh

Justification and background

The football ground of this centre is very hard and covered with wild grass and not in a playable condition. In order to meet the requirements of a proper football field in this centre with a view of training for Indian Teams and revenue generation through ISL, hiring out for various tournaments, summer Coaching Camp, Come and Play Scheme etc., the existing turf need to be laid with natural grass with sprinkler system, drainage, fencing, change rooms, store rooms and 300 lux flood lighting and other allied facilities as per FIFA standards for training round.

Financial Implication

The Estimated cost for the above project is Rs. 417.99 lakh(**Annexure-A : Rs. 211.20 lakh & Annexure –B : Rs. 206.79 lakh**).

Concurrence of Finance Committee is solicited for re-turfing of Football Field with natural grass and Allied works at SAI NSSC Bengaluru at an estimated cost of Rs. 417.99 lakh subject to availability of funds.

Supplementary Item No.2

Replacement of two Synthetic Hockey Surfaces at FOP - I & II at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium(MDCNS), New Delhi at an estimated cost of Rs. 814 lakh

Justification and background

During CWG-2010, Three Synthetic Hockey Surfaces were laid at MDCNS. Complaint has been received by the trainees that due to regular use the Synthetic fibres of the Turf have become uneven at most of the places & ball changes its direction automatically. Further, it is observed that rubber padding is compressed at various places and hence, the turf is not fit for holding any Mega International events.

DG, SAI had constituted a Committee of expert members to assess the residual life of Synthetic Hockey Surfaces at MDCNS. The members of Committee included elite hockey veterans namely:

1. Shri Ajit Pal Singh (Padma Shree & Olympian & Captain of Indian Hockey Team, 1975)
2. Shri Jagbir Singh, Olympian
3. Shri N.S. Saini, Chief Hockey Coach, SAI & Dronacharya Awardee

The report of Committee is annexed as **Annexure-A**.

The Committee recommended that out of three Synthetic Surface at least 2 Nos. i.e. FOP-I & II may be replaced by New Synthetic Turf as it is currently being used for all levels of competition worldwide.

Further it is submitted that the certification of the Hockey surface is expiring in August' 2017, after which no international tournaments can be held without getting the Synthetic Hockey Surface recertified by FIH approved Lab, which seem unlikely considering the present condition of turf.

Scope of work considered in the estimate submitted by SAI empanelled Agency WAPCOS is as under:

- i) Removal of existing synthetic turf.
- ii) Scrapping of existing bituminous layer.
- iii) Providing laying 30 mm this bitumen concrete
- iv) Supply and laying of FIH approved Global Category Synthetic Hockey surface.

Financial Implication

The estimated cost is Rs. 814.00 lakh (Details annexed as Annexure – B).

Concurrence of Finance Committee is solicited for Replacement of two Synthetic Hockey Surfaces at FOP- I & II at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium(MDCNS), New Delhi at an estimated cost of Rs. 814 lakh subject to availability of funds.

Supplementary Item No.3

Repair and maintenance of permanent timber track for Cycling Velodrome at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi.

The wooden cycling track constructed at I.G Stadium, New Delhi, in connection with the Commonwealth Games, 2010 needs repair. According to M/s Velotrack , which built the existing cycling Velodrome , if the track is not repaired immediately, the International Cycling Union (UCI) may withdraw its title of World Cycling Centre–Satellite, given to the Velodrome . Therefore, the repair and maintenance work has to be undertaken immediately.

2. CPWD submitted preliminary estimates amounting to Rs. 1,76,61,600/-. This is the estimates CPWD obtained from the Indian partner of M/s Velotrack, an UAE company. In their report, CPWD stated that the type of track for Cycling Velodrome was constructed for the first time in India and it is a specialized sports track. Further, there is no specification for such tracks in the CPWD manual. Thus, CPWD has no expertise to undertake such type of repair & maintenance work of a Cycling Velodrome. Monitoring/overseeing the work will be another difficult task for CPWD. Still, they propose to execute the work, after call of tenders.

3. Cycling Velodrome at I.G Stadium is a world class facility. Therefore, repair and maintenance of the track cannot be left to inexperienced civil contractors. The estimates of the CPWD also seem to be on the high side. To arrive at out a solution in this regard, a meeting was held with the CPWD, Cycling Federation of India (CFI) and representatives of M/s Velotrack , which constructed the Cycling Velodrome for CWG 2010 at I.G Sports Complex through CPWD . M/s Velotrack was ready to carry out the repair and maintenance through their Indian partner. However, the estimates of Indian partner, quoted by CPWD are on the high side. Secretary (Sports) raised this issue with Mr. Briyan Cookson, President, UCI, (who visited him on 9.2.017 in his Chamber) and requested him to undertake the work directly.

4. Secretary (Sports), also advised CFI to take up the matter with the International Cycling Union (UCI) for direct engagement of M/s Velotrack. The engagement/ association could be through the CFI, which is the National body for promoting Cycling in the country and recognized by the Ministry. CFI would directly engage and oversee the maintenance of work in collaboration with the UCI.

5. There is a chapter in the GFR on 'Outsourcing of Services'. GFR 178 provides that a Ministry or Dept. may outsource certain services in the interest of economy and efficiency. GFR 184 provides that in an exceptional situation, a job could be outsourced to a specifically chosen contractor by a competent authority in consultation with the Financial Advisor.

6. CPWD would not be in a position to execute the work, as it does not even have the specifications. Further, their estimates obtained from the Indian partner of M/s Velotrack are also on the high side. Therefore, invoking GFR 184, it is proposed that CFI in collaboration with UCI may engage the parent company M/s Velotrack, located in UAE to undertake this work, more so, when originally, they fixed the track.

7. CFI, in consultation with the UCI approached the M/s Velotrack and obtained a quote of € 85,000/- which includes repair work training of 6 (six) local persons , flight charges for tools and materials , crew , food, accommodation and transportation charges. Thus, it is a complete package; no other expenditure is involved. In terms of Indian rupees, it works out to Rs. 62.50 lakh(approx.) . This amount is Rs. 114.00 lakh less than the estimates of Rs. 176.62 lakh quoted by CPWD. This is a huge saving.

8. M/s Velotrack in their quote requested an advance payment of equivalent of € 10,000 /- in INR. The balance amount of € 75,000 /- is to be paid before completion of work.

9. In brief, the following considerations weighed more in favour of invoking GFR 184 to award the repair and maintenance work of the Cycling Velodrome to M/s Velotrack, **through CFI:**

- (i) The repair and maintenance have to be carried out as per the requirement of the International Cycling Union (UCI).
- (ii) The track was originally laid by M/s Velotrack, through CPWD. It is, therefore, advisable to award the repair work also to the same company, especially when CPWD has no experience of laying such a specialized Cycling track; CPWD manual also doesn't contain specifications for such a track.
- (iii) CPWD also could not prepare estimates on their own; they had to rely on the estimates prepared by the Indian partner of M/s Velotrack.
- (iv) Both CFI and UCI persuaded M/s Velotrack to quote a competitive price to undertake the work. Accordingly, M/s Velotrack quoted a competitive price of € 85,000/- (equivalent to Rs. 62.50 lakh). This amount is Rs. 114.00 lakh less than the estimates of Rs. 176.62 lakh, quoted by CPWD.
- (v) M/s Velotrack would complete the work within seven (7) days from 26th March 2016 – 01st April 2017, whereas CPWD would take 12 months time.

10. As regards advance payment of € 10,000/- sought by the company, it is stated that GFR 159 provides payment of 30%, as advance payment to firms holding maintenance contracts. Advance payment sought is, therefore, well within the limit prescribed under GFR 159.

11. DG, SAI has no powers to outsource a job through a chosen contractor. Hence, the proposal requires to be placed before the Finance Committee of the Deptt. for consideration and approval.

12. *Finance Committee is accordingly requested to accord approval to the following proposals:*

- a) To award the repair and maintenance work of the track of Cycling Velodrome at I.G Stadium to M/s Velotrack, at a total price of € 85,000/-. This work would be carried out through Cycling Federation of India to ensure that the track is repaired to meet the technical standards, specifications and the rules of UCI.*
- b) To make an advance payment of € 10,000/- equivalent to INR to M/s Velotrack through CFI, before the start of the work, as applied for by the company.*

