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Subject : FORWARDING OF AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETING

Respected General.

1. It was indeed a privilege and honour for the undersigned, President, HQ MES BAI, to have had a cordial, purposeful and highly enriching interaction with your esteemed self on 12 February 2026. The meeting afforded us invaluable insight and guidance. We remain deeply grateful for your magnanimity in graciously sparing your precious time, despite an exceptionally busy schedule to patiently hear our issues and concerns.

2. The patient hearing and constructive approach extended by your good self on various matters concerning MES Builders were truly inspiring. Your empathetic disposition, coupled with your sagacious observations and assurance of support have greatly boosted the morale of the entire fraternity.

3. We also place on record our sincere appreciation for the decisive action initiated under your stewardship regarding the extension of time for renewal of enlistment of contractors for the cyclic period 2020-2025 up to and including 30 April 2026. This benevolent and timely intervention has brought immense relief to numerous stakeholders.

4. In pursuance of the directions graciously issued during the interaction, the Agenda Points encompassing various issues of concern are hereby submitted for your kind perusal and consideration, as detailed in the Appendix enclosed herewith.

5. We shall remain highly obliged if your esteemed office could kindly convey a convenient date and time for the meeting, preferable with a lead time of 3-4 days so

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as to enable us to apprise all concerned and facilitate their participation at your earliest convenience.

With highest regards and profound respect.

Yours sincerely,

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We most respectfully solicit your esteemed support and valued cooperation in facilitating the forthcoming meeting with the E-in-C. We shall remain deeply obliged for your kind intervention and guidance in ensuring that the Agenda points, enclosed herewith as Appendix, receive due consideration and constructive deliberation during the interaction.

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AGENDA POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION WITH ENGINEER IN CHIEF BRANCH

1. RENEWAL OF ENLISTMENTS

Renewal of Enlistments for cyclic period 2021-25 and further for 2026-32:

- i. Tenders cancelled or revoked but the Performance Security deposited and also deposited any other demanded amount in addition to forfeiting the Retention Money and materials lying at site as on date.
- ii. As per conditions contained in the renewal letters of 2021-25 the builders were to participate in tendering up to 31 December 2025 either in MES or in any Government Department in order to qualify for renewal in 2026-32 but in numerous cases the said date is being taken as 30 June 2025 and also ignores renewal approval if the applicant has worked in other Government Departments which is against the terms and condition contained in the earlier renewal approval letters.
- iii. Cases pending due to change in constitution because of sad demise of earlier partner or even Sole Proprietor and all requisite documents have been submitted.
- iv. In many cases the Enlisting Authority has neither refused for such changes nor still accepted despite passage of a very long time.
- v. Decision on appeals to Engineer in Chief Branch after rejection of renewal applications is still pending since very long thus causing acute hardships to the concerned builders.

2. ISSUE OF TENDERS UPTO Rs. 50.00 LAKHS TO E CLASS CONTRACTORS:

In most offices tenders of value above Rs. 25 lakhs quoted by E class builders are not being opened by citing Manual of Contracts whereas this facility was earlier provided vide your HQ letter No. A/95533/22-20/Pol/E2W(PPC) dated 28 Sept 2015 after detailed deliberations held by us with E in C. Since no changes have come up and even the market has jumped considerably it is requested that this point may please be agreed to provide due justice to the suffering contractors.

3. RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE SECURITY:

The aim and clear meaning of Performance Security is a security for performance of the said Contract and is not at all related to Defects liability and hence should be released immediately once the contract is certified as completed. This shall definitely

ease the situation for the concerned builder to secure further works and to execute them with added financial assistance.

4. eMB ISSUES:

Since the departmental officials and the contractors are not fully versed with these provisions which result in undue delays to clear RARs and Final Bills and therefore result in affecting the progress of works it is requested that resorting to eMB is postponed until complete knowledge and working is adopted by all concerned. This shall definitely be of positive effects in the works under execution.

5. DELAYS IN APPOINTING ARBITRATORS:

It is a fact that Arbitrators are not appointed within the legally prescribed time period which also force the builders to approach the courts of law as the only recourse left with the contractors. This can definitely be avoided in case Arbitrators are appointed within the stipulated time.

6. INCREASE OF TENDERING LIMITS FOR ALL CLASSES:

It has been 16 years since the last enhancements were done and with the manifold increase in the rates of wages and materials a considerable increase in tendering limits is rightfully over due for which we request an early action.

7. ABNORMAL DELAYS IN ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS DUE TO IMPLEMENTING IFA SYSTEM:

This fact has to be looked into for immediate resolution as it adversely damages the plans of builders to bid and secure new works which is because of inordinate delays besides causing losses due to unstable market and rates of wages especially where escalation clauses are not there in the tenders.

8. INCLUSION OF MESBAI REPRESENTATIVE IN CMPT BOARDS:

It is submitted that a detailed guidelines for Policy for Approval of Construction Material, Products and Technology use in MES has been issued by your Directorate under letter No A/37696/Des & Build/Pol/E2W(PPC) dated 21 Nov 2022.

Under the Para 5(a), (b) & (c) of your letter under reference, Composition of CPMT Committees at Different levels has been circulated. It is suggested that A representative of MES Builders Association of (India) (Regd) may please also be made part of these Committees at each level who can suggest the common difficulties for improvement /addition-deletion of makes based on feedback from the Contactors fraternity.

9. Policy review on banning of products / Companies

Request of policy review of banning the make of products after acceptance of tender which makes the builders suffer huge losses after quoting the tenders.

10. OTHER POINTS OF IMPORTANCE:

- (a) Deduction of TDS of GST, Income tax and LWC on basic amount of services after deducting these tax amounts instead of on the amount of entire bill.
- (b) NTC limits of CsWE and TC work orders by Ges may please be enhanced in view of drastic increase in rates of materials and wages.
- (c) Final Bill checking limit by AAO
- (d) To kindly review the policy of 7 tenders in a bid as the same is being misused and is also against fair competition.
- (e) Immediate review of SSR in view of present hike in prices of materials and wages.



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Date : 23rd February 2026