SEEPZ SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ANDHERI (EAST), MUMBAI.

AGENDA FOR THE 44th MEETING OF THE SEEPZ SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY

VENUE: Through video conferencing on Webex application.

DATE: 3rd March, 2021

TIME : 11.30 A.M.

Agenda Item No.	Description
Agenda Item No. 1	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12.01.2021.
Agenda Item No. 2	Proposal for payment of BMC Taxes for the period 2016-31.03.2021
Agenda Item No. 3	Proposal for taking over the capital assets executed under ASIDI Scheme - Construction of Fire Station
Agenda Item No. 4	Proposal for taking over the capital assets executed under ASIDI Scheme - Electronic Surveillance system & Access Control system
Agenda Item No. 5	Proposal for implementation of reduction of tariff charges for electricity in SEEPZ SEZ
Agenda Item No. 6	Proposal for implementation of Solar Power Project by MEDA

MINUTES OF THE 43rd AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 12.01.2021 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER & CHAIRPERSON, SEEPZ-SEZ AUTHORITY.

The following were present: -

(i) Shri. Ramesh Holeyachi, Jt. DGFT, Mumbai

(ii) Sh. C.P.S. Chauhan JDC, SEEPZ-SEZ

(iii) Sh. Vijay Gujarati,

COO, M/s. EOS Power India Pvt. Ltd.

(iv) Sh. Ashish Kothari, Director M/s. Jewelex India Pvt. Ltd.

Member

Member/Secretary

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The Chairperson welcomed the Members of the SEEPZ-SEZ Authority and Special Invitees and thereafter Agenda was taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 42nd Meeting held on 30.09,2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30.09.2020 were approved with consensus.

Agenda Item No. 2: Proposal for Allotment of Space in GJ-17, SDF-VII

The Authority was briefed that there was vacant space which was surrendered by the Unitholder and as per the Exit Policy advertisement was hosted on the website and on receipt of the application, the space of GJ-17, SDF-VII admeasuring an area of 618 sq. mtr. was provisionally allotted to M/s. Jewelspark LLP

After deliberation, the Authority noted the proposal of allotment of space to the deserving entrepreneur.

Agenda Item No.3: Proposal for reconciliation of BMC Taxes for the period 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Authority was briefed that as per the amendments to the BMC Acts a Resolution No.1091 of 27.01.2010 was passed approving the change over from the Rateable Value System to the Capitalized Value System with effect from 01.04.2010.

The BMC Authorities have assessed the building based on the Rateable value since inception i.r.o. Govt. Leased buildings. As per revised rate w.e.f. 2010 from

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rateable to capital value system, the reconciliation for the period 2011-12 to 2014-15 has been done and Rs. 2.72 crores is to be shown as credit in the books of accounts.

After deliberation, Authority approved the BMC Tax reconciliation and directed the Estate section to give credit balance in the books of the accounts of Unitholders.

Agenda Item No.4: Proposal for taking over capital assets executed under ASIDE Project at SEEPZ SEZ.

Authority was briefed that the work of Providing, erecting High Mast Light in SEPEZ Zone, Providing, erecting, testing and commissioning of flood lights of SEPEZ Zone and Residential Quarters, Providing water recycling, water harvesting of rain water and Providing baggage scanner for all three gates and renovation of gate and Service centre was executed by MIDC under ASIDE. However, the same was not capitalized and shown in the books of accounts.

After deliberation, Authority approved the proposal of taking over the capital assets for the work executed under ASIDE and to be reflected in the books of the accounts.

Agenda Item No.5: Proposal for extension of the existing AMCs

Authority was briefed about the ongoing tenders and their expiry. The Authority was conveyed that the parameters/guidelines will be made before floating the tender. Authority also mentioned that in future, action should be initiated to expedite the tender proceedings well in advance.

After deliberation the Authority extended the validity of the AMCs related to cleaning contract, security services, AC machines, Pest Control and Guard Tour system for a further period of 2 months or till the finalization of the new service provider whichever is earlier.

Agenda Item no. 06: Proposal for implementation of reduction of tariff charges for electricity in SEEPZ SEZ.

Authority was apprised that the SEEPZ SEZ is in the process of finalization of the tender proceedings w.r.t. engaging consultant and developing a methodology for reducing current electricity tariff and same would be finalized soon.

After detailed deliberation, the Authority noted the proposal and also mentioned that the Consultant and the Agency should thoroughly study the parameters w.r.t. reduction in the tariff rate before approaching MERC.

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Agenda Item no. 07: Proposal implementation of Solar Power Project by MEDA

Authority was informed that as per the instructions, the rate of Solar Power Corporation was called for and it was seen that the rate quoted by M/s. Solar Power is @ Rs. 3.3 per unit as against MEDA @ Rs. 2.74 per unit. Hence the SEEPZ SEZ is in agreement with the lower rate quoted by MEDA and asked MEDA to furnish the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

After deliberation, the Authority noted the updated status of the proposal and also held the view that the PPA submitted by MEDA should be thoroughly examined before execution and Ministry may also be updated about the status of the implementation of the project.

Agenda Item No. 08: Proposal for reduction in the reserve price for transfer of property.

Authority was apprised that some of the Units are non-operational due to slow down of market conditions or court cases/litigation etc. who wishes to exit out of the SEZ Scheme and there are certain units who are willing to take over such units for the betterment of the exports, employment generation and development of infrastructure within their premises are not able to do so as the reserve price is on the higher size. Therefore, the Trade/stakeholders have mentioned that looking at the present scenario and the pandemic COVID 19 and the market rate, the reserve price may be reduced to 40% against the defined 50% reserve price.

Shri. Ashish Kotari, Trade Member requested the Authority to take up the matter of part sale in large properties where separate entry and exit is possible as this will help in liquidation of idle lying self owned properties and new units will be established.

After deliberation, the Authority felt that both these issues may be taken up in the next Authority meeting after examination in detail on all aspects.

Table Agenda Item No. 09: Proposal for reduction of labourers of M/s. Bohra Enterprises

The Authority was apprised that as per the prescribed procedure i.ee. EOW, inspection and supervision are time consuming process and work is delayed and desired results are not achieving the goal for which agency's manpower have been engaged as well as major repair work have not be attended by such contractor in such a manner.

After detailed deliberation the Authority approved the proposal of reduction of manpower in following terms and conditions :

(a) One carpenter, one painter, one plumber, one mason and two helpers are engaged instead of the earlier sanctioned strength;

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- (b) After Reduction of manpower as mentioned in point (a) above, the expenditure is hereby granted for Rs. 1,30,723/- per month against the earlier sanctioned amount of Rs. 3,68,921/- per month;
- (c) Day to day minor work should not increase beyond Rs. 50,000/- on each occasion;
- (d) Extra manpower, to execute urgent work if any, is permitted subject to approval of the Estate Manager,
- (e) An imprest/advance cash Rs. 30,000/- is granted to Estate Manager for immediate usage for any urgent work.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Chairperson of SEEPZ SEZ Authority.

Approved by

Development Committeena. (C.P.S. Chauhan)

Secretary/Jt. Development Commissioner, SEEPZ SEZ Authority

ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF AUTHORITY MEETING DATED. 12.01.2021				
Sr.N o.		Remark		
1	Proposal for Allotment of Space in GJ-17, SDF-VII	Allotment letter dt. 29/01/2021 issued to M/s. Jewelspark LLP.		
2	Proposal for reconciliation of BMC Taxes for the period 2011-12 to 2014-15	Reconciliation of BMC taxes is under process and will be reflected in the books of accounts in the FY 2020-21		
3	Proposal for taking over capital assets executed under ASIDE Project at SEEPZ SEZ.	CA in the process of Capitalization of Capital Asset in the books of Accounts in the FY 2020-21.		
4	Proposal for extension of the existing AMCs	Extension letters issued to all service providers (i.e Cleaning contract, Security services, AC machines, and Guard Tour system) for further 02 months or till the finalization of new service provider, whichever is earlier. As regards extension letter to M/s. Pest Relief (I) Pvt. Ltd., fresh work order has been issued to M/s. Impression Services Pvt. Ltd.		
5	Proposal for implementation of reduction of tariff charges for electricity in SEEPZ SEZ.	Work order dt. 19/02/2021 issued to M/s. Energyoptima Consultant Pvt. Ltd. for Engagement of Consultant for Power Distribution License. Authority is in the finalization of bidder fo EOI for developing a methodology for reducing current Electricity Tariff.		
	Proposal implementation of Solar Power Project by MEDA	Letter dated 12.02.2021 issued to MEDA and M/s. Eurja Infrastructure, informed that the proposal of the installation of solar panel of 1 MW. It is to mention that this office has already awarded the contract for third party audit to Nagpur III and structural audit to M/s. Creative Consultant of all the govt. leased premises. Hence installation of the solar panels will be only after obtaining the report i.r.o. third party and structural audit.		
7	Proposal for reduction in the reserve price for transfer of Property	The matter is under examination		
8	Proposal for reduction of labourers of M/s. Bohra Enterprises	work order dt. 28/01/2021 issued to M/s. Bohra for reduction of laboures.		

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AGENDA ITEM NO. <u>02</u>

a) Proposal: -

Proposal for payment of property tax for SDF-VIII for the period 2016 till 31.03.2021

b) Specific Issue on which decision of UAC is required: -

Approval for payment of property taxes for the period 2016 till 31.03.2021

c) Relevant provisions of SEZ Act, 2005 & Rules, 2006/Instruction/

Rule 6 (1) (iv) of SEZ Authority Rules, 2009.

d) Other Information:-

SEEPZ SEZ Authority is in receipt of the demand note of Rs. 8,39,65,729/towards the property tax for SDF VIII to be paid latest by 08.03.2021 to the BMC Authorities being the due date for payment, failing which penalty will be imposed in terms of section 202 of the MMC Act, 1888 @ 2% per month w.e.f. 2016 till date.

SDF-VIII, a pre-fabricated building was approved by the Empowered Committee, under ASIDE and Authority funds for construction of SDF VIII, to be constructed by MIDC, being the Special Planning Authority. It is further mentioned that despite receiving the BCC on 22.11.2017, the work was not executed by MIDC within the aforesaid period i.e. 21.11.2014 to 22.11.2017 and certain approvals for the same were confirmed by MIDC only vide their letter dt. 03.04.2019 & 10.04.2019 i.e. after the issuance of Building Completion Certificate. The said SDF VIII building is yet to be

taken over and the Galas are yet to be allotted to the Entrepreneurs to recover the property tax as being done in other govt. leased SDF Buildings.

BMC Authorities have time and again on their visits to this office and by various communications are insisting on payment of property tax as land under construction

3. Hence, a legal opinion was sought from the Branch Secretariat, Ministry of Law and Justice. The Law Ministry vide its letter dated 24.02.2021 (copy enclosed), rendered his opinion stating as follows:-

"It is obvious that the department has averred, the property in question is till not in its possession, it is still lying with the MIDC, therefore, ipso facto, the SEEPZ is neither the occupant not the possessor hence, liability to pay the said taxes cannot be saddled on it as will as ipso jure the said notice under reference prima face is not tenable."

"The SEEPZ Authorities are not precluded to reply to the said untenable notice accordingly in terms of provisions of Article 285 of the Constitution as well as judgment of Hon'ble Apex Court in case of Rajkot Municipal Corporation (supra). If need be, the department may feel free to revert to us."

4. It is the contention of the officials of the BMC that they are not denying Article 285 (1) of Indian Constitution which provides an Exemption of property of the Union from State taxation. However the word property of union is not elaborated the use of that property whether it is solely for public purpose or not. Whereas, as per section 143 (b) read with 144 of BMC Act, the said tax is exempted to the central government only to the land and building solely used by the govt for public purpose and for which only service charges is payable. And therefore as per section 143 (b) read with section 144 of BMC act, the said tax is applicable to SDF VIII building which will be allotted to the unit holder and will not solely used by SEEPZ. Attention was further invited to the judicial pronouncement in case of RAJKOT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION & ORS V/s. Union of India where, the

Corporation had agreed that they will not levy or demand any "property tax" in respect of the properties belonging to Union of India and used for the purposes of the government;

5. SEEPZ SEZ Authority has conveyed Ministry about the non acceptance of the Property tax and its payment to be made.

E) Recommendation of Estate Manager:

The proposal of levy of property tax for the period 2016 to 2021 is placed before the Authority for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. <u>03</u>

A) Proposal:-

Proposal for taking over of construction of Fire Station building on Plot No.A-1 in SEEPZ-SEZ executed under ASIDE Project at SEEPZ SEZ.

B) Specific Issue on which decision of Authority is required:-

Approval for taking over the construction of Fire Station building on Plot No.A-1 in SEEPZ-SEZ executed by MIDC under ASIDE Scheme.

C) Relevant provision of SEZ Act, 2005 & Rules:-

Section 34 of SEZ Act, 2005 and Rule 7 (2)(iii) of SEZ Authority Rules, 2009

D) Other Information :-

MOC&I granted administrative approval and sanction for construction of Fire station under ASIDE subject to the condition that the ASIDE funds would be utilized for capital expenditure and the running cost for the fire station to be borne by Authority. The administrative approval and sanction details are as under:-

Sr. No.	Letter date	Project work	Approved Amount	Funds Released	Balance Amount
1	07.01.2010 Administrative approval	Construction of Fire Station building on Plot No.A-1 in SEEPZ- SEZ	Rs.520.00	Rs. 520.00 Lakhs	The expenditure of Rs.282.51 lakhs on construction of fire station has not been shown in the books of accounts as the said has not been taken over from MIDC.
					Credit balance of Rs. 237.48 lakhs is with MIDC.

SEEPZ SEZ constructed Fire Station in a built up area of 381.16 sq. Mtr. near Plot no. A-1 under ASIDE funds on approval by the Empowered Committee for Rs. 520/- lakhs with one fire Engine and Ambulance and round the clock personnel. The said work was completed on 26.09.2011 and the same was maintained during the defect liability period till 25.09.2013.

CRA in their audit objection had conveyed that the value of Rs. 282.52 lakhs for taking over of Fire Station has not been capitalized and shown in the books of accounts as Asset in the fixed asset thereby resulting in understatement of fixed asset.

SEEPZ SEZ Authority had conducted several meetings with MIDC officials i.r.o. handing over and taking over the said projects and MIDC was asked to provide the documents if any and complete the modalities for taking over the project. This office vide letters dated 09.10.2020 & 02.11.2020 had requested MIDC to carry out joint inspection with our engineers of all equipments since inception with respect to construction of fire station before taking over the assets so as to show the effect in the books of accounts.

MIDC & Civil Engineers has furnished the joint inspection report of all equipments since inception with respect to construction of fire station before taking over the assets so as to show the effect in the books of accounts. MIDC has also submitted the Utilization certificate for the said expenditure.

As fire station has been constructed under ASIDE and fire cess is being recovered from all the Unitholders @ Rs. 32.28 per sq.mtr. per annum w.e.f. 01.04.2017 as per the decision of the Authority in its meeting held on 11.05.2018, the fire station needs to be taken over. Hence, the CRA's objections needs to be closed on taking over the assets.

Further fire station, is handled by technical expertise, firemen/officers appointed by MIDC who are expertized in the field and taking care and attending to the exigency for which recurring expenditure is being borne by Authority for the

maintenance being carried out by MIDC Fire Officer/men. However, the payment of operation and maintenance since 2010 is yet to be refunded and the same will be only on final reconciliation.

As the projects are being maintained by SEEPZ-SEZ Authority, the same may be capitalized in the books of accounts so that the audit objection may be dropped.

E) Recommendation:

The proposal for taking over Construction of Fire Station building on Plot No.A-1 in SEEPZ-SEZ from MIDC is placed before the Authority for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 04

A) Proposal:-

Proposal for taken over of capital assets i.e. (i) Electronic Surveillance System and Access Control (providing door frame metal detector and boom barrier and flap barrier (ii) Security System, Access Control System with integrated CCTV Cameras (only of gates) (iii) Electronic Surveillance System CCTV Camera alongwith periphery (for full zone) and executed under ASIDE Project at SEEPZ SEZ.

B) Specific Issue on which decision of Authority is required:-

Approval for taken over of the WIP projects executed by MIDC under ASIDE Scheme.

C) Relevant provision of SEZ Act, 2005 & Rules:Section 34 of SEZ Act, 2005 and Rule 7 (2)(iii) of SEZ Authority Rules, 2009

D) Other Information :-

The proposal of taking over of assets were placed in the 34th Authority meeting held on 11.05.2018 and the Committee after deliberation against the 13 projects had approved 9 projects as capital assets to be reflected in the Books of Accounts. As regards 4 projects viz. Erecting, testing and commissioning of flood lights and providing water recycling system and water harvesting & Electronic Surveillance System, CCTV cameras along the periphery of SEEPZ and Security System, Access Control System with integration of CCTV, Committee had directed that MIDC may be called for discussion w.r.t completion of the project and taking over the modalities from MIDC.

The projects of taking over related to Erecting, testing and commissioning of flood lights and providing water recycling system and water harvesting was placed in the 43rd Authority meeting held on 12.01.2021 and as per the approval of the Authority was capitalised and the same would be reflected in the Annual Accounts in the current financial year 2020-21.

SEEPZ SEZ Authority had gone through all the 2 projects i.e. (i) Electronic Surveillance System and Access Control (providing door frame metal detector and boom barrier and flap barrier (ii) Security System, Access Control System with integrated CCTV Cameras (only of gates) (iii) Electronic Surveillance System CCTV Camera alongwith periphery (for full zone) before taking over the said projects.

MOC&I granted administrative approval and administrative sanction the following projects under ASIDE and the details of which are as under:-

Sr. No.	Letter date	Project work	Approved Amount	Funds Released	Balance Amount
1	2005-06 Administrative approval	Electronic Surveillance System and Access Control (providing door frame metal detector and boom barrier and flap barrier	Rs.100 lakhs	Rs.100/- lakhs	The differential excess Cost of Rs.14.41 lakhs was incurred by MIDC through running account.
2.	16.07.2013 Administrative approval	Security System, Access Control System with integrated CCTV Cameras (only of gates)		Rs.2.50 Cr. (duly deducting TDS i.e. 250= 125+ 122.50 =247.50)	Balance to be released 0.87 Cr. to MIDC

3.	16.07.2013 Administrative approval	Electronic Surveillance System CCTV Camera	Rs.2.64 Crs.	Rs.2.10 Cr. (duly deducting	Total Cost of Project of ESS for Zone (2.64 Cr + 2.69 Cr)= 5.33Cr Expenditure incurred by
	Additional proposal letter dated 03.03.2015 & 27.10.2015	alongwith Rs.2.69	Rs.2.69 Cr. (0.24+2.44)	TDS i.e. 210= 105+ 102.90 =207.90)	MIDC is Rs.5.69 Cr. Balance to be released of Rs.3.59 Cr.

On completion of the work by MIDC -

(i) AMC of providing of Electronic Surveillance System and Access Control (providing door frame metal detector and hand held metal detector in SEEPZ was given by MIDC to M/s. Samarth Security System and the work was completed by them on 02.02.2012 and they maintained the same till 02.02.2014 i.e. Defect Liability Period. On 09.06.2015, SEEPZ-SEZ Authority awarded the AMC to M/s. Samarth Security System on 09.06.2015 for one year. Subsequent extension granted on 02.08.2016 upto 08.06.2017 on the same terms and conditions. On expiry of the extension fresh contract was awarded to the same agency i.e. M/s. Samarth Security System on 18.01.2019 for a period of one year i.e. 21.01.2019 to 20.01.2020 after due tender procedure. Subsequent extension has been granted to the agency on 05.03.2020 beyond 20.01.2020 on the same rate and terms & conditions till finalization of the new agency.

Also the work of providing boom barrier and flap barrier at all 3 gates was executed by MIDC's agency i.e. M/s. Divya Electro Technical Pvt. Ltd. and the work was completed on 21.01.2014 and they maintained the same in the defect liability period 25.12.2014. However the Control system was yet to be integrated with software and to be made functional. Hence, the said project is linked to the below mentioned Access Control project.

(ii) AMC of Security System, Access Control System with integrated CCTV Cameras (only of gates) and Electronic Surveillance System CCTV Camera alongwith periphery (for full Zone) in SEEPZ i.r.o. the meeting held on 08.08.2018 & 25.09.2018, it was decided that MIDC may initiate tender process for finalization of new agency for maintenance of the CCTV cameras under AMC. Once AMC is finalized all the cameras will be put to function.

The updated status of CCTV was placed in the 37th Authority meeting held on 24.10.2019, wherein the Authority held the view that MIDC may be asked to make the CCTV cameras functional and hand it over so that AMC can be awarded. MIDC had reiterated in their letter dt. 21.11.2019 that in the meeting dt. 29.12.17 and after due inspection by Authority the project of Electronic Surveillance System i.e. CCTV cameras were fully functional and Committee decided to take over the project and the same was conveyed by this office letter dt. 05.02.2018.

The proposal was once again placed before the 39th Authority in the meeting held on 31.12.2019 wherein the estimate being on the high side it was decided that Authority may initiate action following the GFR 2017 procedure and float the tender and hire new agency at a lower rate and AMC may be granted to the eligible bidder for 2 years. Tender was floated and the contract was awarded to M/s. MVIRTECH for AMC of 153 CCTV cameras for 2 years for Rs. 1,22,64,000/- which includes operation and maintenance of cameras UPS and server rooms only. However the AMC does not cover the maintenance of boom barriers, flap barriers and its integration of all the 3 gates. SEEPZ Authority is in the process of fabricating NIT for flap and boom barrier, metal detector and gate pass application.

CRA had raised an objection that against the aforesaid 2 projects i.e. Electronic Security System & CCTV Camera, MIDC stated that projects were completed and the same were functional even after the DLP period of the projects. Authority decided in 39th Authority Meeting (held on 31.12.2019) to initiate tender proceeding of AMC for CCTV camera systems. This indicated that all these projects are ready for their intended use, and they should be capitalized under the fixed assets. Non-capitalization

of the CWIP has resulted in understatement of fixed assets of₹ 5315 lakh. Consequently, Depreciation has also been understated by ₹ 568.77 lakh has not been capitalised in the books of accounts. However the payment for the said projects will be only after completion of reconciliation.

The following projects are as under CWIP:-

(i)	Construction of Tower	- Rs.4,571 lakh
(ii)	Electronic Surveillance System CCTV Camera	
	alongwith periphery (for full zone)	- Rs.452 lakh
(iii)	Security System, Access Control System with	
	integrated CCTV Cameras (only of gates)	- Rs.292 lakh
	Total	Rs.5,315 lakh

As regards, the handing over of the project executed under ASIDE for Construction of SDF-8 (Tower) is yet under finalization.

As the aforesaid 2 projects i.e. Electronic Surveillance System CCTV Camera alongwith periphery (for full zone) and Security System, Access Control System with integrated CCTV Cameras (only of gates) are being maintained by SEEPZ SEZ Authority, the same may be capitalized in the books of accounts in the current financial year so that the audit objection may be dropped.

E) Recommendation:

The proposal for taking over the Capital assets from MIDC is placed before the Authority for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. <u>05</u>

A) Proposal:-

Proposal for implementation of reduction of tariff charges for electricity in SEEPZ SEZ.

B) Specific Issue on which decision of Authority is required:-

Approval for implementation of reduction of tariff charges for electricity in SEEPZ SEZ.

C) Relevant provision of SEZ Act, 2005 & Rules:-

Section 34 of SEZ Act, 2005 and Rule 7 (1) of SEZ Authority Rules 2009

D) Other Information:

The Proposal for implementation of reduction of tariff charges for electricity in SEEPZ SEZ was placed before the 43rd Authority Meeting held on 12.01.2021. After deliberation, the Authority noted the SEEPZ SEZ is in the process of finalization of the tender proceedings w.r.t. engaging consultant and developing a methodology for reducing current electricity tariff and same would be finalized soon.

The Authority examined the tender for Engaging Consultant and the Tender Committee finalized and approved and awarded the contract to M/s. Energyoptimaa Consultant Pvt. Ltd., for engagement of Consultant for Assisting SEEPZ SEZ Authority in Operationalizing Power Distribution Licence in SEEPZ SEZ Area, vide work order dated 15/02/2021.

Further another Expression of Interest for developing a methodology for reducing current Electricity Tariff of consumers within SEEPZ-SEZ area by taking adequate steps to operationalize the Deemed Distribution License as per provision of Electricity Act 2003 or by any other method was hosted on SEEPZ website on 10.12.2020 and wide publicity was given in newspapers and the last date of bid submission is 30.12.2020. The bid's has been received and the Tender Committee has submitted the final report.

E) Recommendation:

The proposal for developing a methodology for reducing current Electricity Tariff of consumers within SEEPZ-SEZ area by taking adequate steps to operationalize the Deemed Distribution License as per provision of Electricity Act 2003 or by any other method, is placed before the Authority for information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. _06

A) Proposal:-

Proposal for implementation of Solar Power Project by MEDA.

B) Specific Issue on which decision of Authority is required:-

Approval for installation of Solar Roof Top Panel at SEEPZ-SEZ by MEDA.

C) Relevant provision of SEZ Act, 2005 & Rules:-

Section 34 of SEZ Act, 2005 and Rule 7 (1) of SEZ Authority Rules 2009

D) Other Information :-

The proposal for implementation of Solar Power Project by MEDA under RESCO Model was placed before the 43rd Authority Meeting held on 30.09.2020. During the Meeting, Authority was informed that as per the instructions, the rate of Solar Power Corporation was called for and it was seen that the rate quoted by M/s. Solar Power is @ Rs.3.3 per unit as against MEDA @ Rs. 2.74 per unit. Hence the SEEPZ SEZ is in agreement with the lower rate quoted by MEDA and asked MEDA to furnish the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

After deliberation, the Authority noted the updated status of the proposal and also held the view that the PPA submitted by MEDA should be thoroughly examined before execution and Ministry may also be updated about the status of the implementation of the project.

This office vide letter dated 27.01.2021 called the representative of M/s. Eurja Infrastructure & MEDA for a discussion on 29.01.2021 before execution of the PPA. After discussion in meeting dated 29.01.2021, it was informed by Eurja to execute PPA 2 phases of 500 KW each and install the solar panel of 1.00 MW in SDF-1 to V i.e. Govt. leased Buildings only presently. However for the balance 520KW to be installed in G&J I & II against the total 1.52 MW can be explored in the next Financial Year.

Further it is to mention that this office had already awarded the contract for third party audit to Nagpur IIT and structural audit to M/s. Creative Consultant i.r.o all the govt. leased premises. On discussion with the Structural Audit team they had mentioned that for any structural/waterproofing treatment should be carried out prior to installation of solar panels. Hence as per the suggestions of the Structural Audit team it was agreed to complete the third party and structural audit and carry out the repairs if any in the said buildings before installation of the solar panels. Accordingly, the same was informed to MEDA & M/s. Eurja Infrastructure vide this office letter dated 12.02.2021.

E) Recommendation:

The proposal of implementation of Solar Project by MEDA is placed before the Authority for information only.
