



Bid Number/बोली क्रमांक (बिड संख्या):  
GEM/2025/B/5865119  
Dated/दिनांक : 30-01-2025

### Bid Document/ बिड दस्तावेज़

Bid Details/बिड विवरण	
Bid End Date/Time/बिड बंद होने की तारीख/समय	20-02-2025 17:00:00
Bid Opening Date/Time/बिड खुलने की तारीख/समय	20-02-2025 17:30:00
Bid Offer Validity (From End Date)/बिड पेशकश वैधता (बंद होने की तारीख से)	120 (Days)
Ministry/State Name/मंत्रालय/राज्य का नाम	Ministry Of Finance
Department Name/विभाग का नाम	Department Of Economic Affairs
Organisation Name/संगठन का नाम	Security Printing And Minting Corporation Of India Limited (spmci)
Office Name/कार्यालय का नाम	Janpath
क्रेता ईमेल/Buyer Email	buyer86.spmcils.mh@gembuyer.in
Total Quantity/कुल मात्रा	12
Item Category/मद केटेगरी	Pneumatic Cylinder CO5-63-16-25
GeMARPTS में खोजी गई स्ट्रिंग / Searched Strings used in GeMARPTS	Pneumatic cylinder CO5-63-16-25
GeMARPTS में खोजा गया परिणाम / Searched Result generated in GeMARPTS	Air operated pneumatic power cylinder, Air Cylinder ( BHEL), Automotive Vehicles - Pneumatic Tyres for Commercial Vehicles - Diagonal and Radial Ply as per IS 15636, Nano Urea (liquid) 16, PISTOL GRIP PNEUMATIC DRILL GUNS, CT Scanners 16 Slice, Carbendazim 12 % + Mancozeb 63 % WP, Ammonia solution 25%, Buprofezin 25 % SC, Malathion 25% WP
अधिसूचना के लिए चयनित प्रासंगिक श्रेणियाँ / Relevant Categories selected for notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Automotive Vehicles - Pneumatic Tyres for Commercial Vehicles - Diagonal and Radial Ply as per IS 15636</li><li>Air Cylinder ( BHEL)</li><li>Air operated pneumatic power cylinder</li></ul>
MSE Exemption for Years Of Experience/अनुभव के वर्षों से एमएसई छूट/	Yes
Startup Exemption for Years Of Experience/अनुभव के वर्षों से स्टार्टअप छूट/	Yes

<b>Bid Details/बिड विवरण</b>	
<b>Document required from seller/विक्रेता से मांगे गए दस्तावेज़</b>	Experience Criteria,Certificate (Requested in ATC),OEM Authorization Certificate,Additional Doc 1 (Requested in ATC) *In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Experience / Turnover Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer
<b>Do you want to show documents uploaded by bidders to all bidders participated in bid?/</b>	No
<b>Bid to RA enabled/बिड से रिवर्स नीलामी सक्रिय किया</b>	No
<b>Type of Bid/बिड का प्रकार</b>	Single Packet Bid
<b>Time allowed for Technical Clarifications during technical evaluation/तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के दौरान तकनीकी स्पष्टीकरण हेतु अनुमत समय</b>	7 Days
<b>Inspection Required (By Empanelled Inspection Authority / Agencies pre-registered with GeM)</b>	No
<b>Estimated Bid Value/अनुमानित बिड मूल्य</b>	585864
<b>Evaluation Method/मूल्यांकन पद्धति</b>	Total value wise evaluation
<b>Arbitration Clause</b>	No
<b>Mediation Clause</b>	No

#### **EMD Detail/ईएमडी विवरण**

Advisory Bank/एडवाइजरी बैंक	Indusind bank
EMD Amount/ईएमडी राशि	11720

#### **ePBG Detail/ईपीबीजी विवरण**

Advisory Bank/एडवाइजरी बैंक	Indusind bank
ePBG Percentage(%) /ईपीबीजी प्रतिशत (%)	3.00
Duration of ePBG required (Months)/ईपीबीजी की अपेक्षित अवधि (महीने).	7

(a). EMD EXEMPTION: The bidder seeking EMD exemption, must submit the valid supporting document for the relevant category as per GeM GTC with the bid. Under MSE category, only manufacturers for goods and Service Providers for Services are eligible for exemption from EMD. Traders are excluded from the purview of this Policy./जेम की शर्तों के अनुसार ईएमडी छूट के इच्छुक बिडर को संबंधित केटेगरी के लिए बिड के साथ वैध समर्थित दस्तावेज़ प्रस्तुत करने है। एमएसई केटेगरी के अंतर्गत केवल वस्तुओं के लिए विनिर्माता तथा सेवाओं के लिए सेवा प्रदाता ईएमडी से छूट के पात्र हैं। व्यापारियों को इस नीति के दायरे से बाहर रखा गया है।

(b). EMD & Performance security should be in favour of Beneficiary, wherever it is applicable./ईएमडी और संपादन जमानत राशि, जहां यह लागू होती है, लाभार्थी के पक्ष में होनी चाहिए।

**Beneficiary/लाभार्थी :**

Chief General Manager  
Nashik  
(India Security Press, A Unit Of Spmcil)

**MII Purchase Preference/एमआईआई खरीद वरीयता**

MII Purchase Preference/एमआईआई खरीद वरीयता	Yes
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**MSE Purchase Preference/एमएसई खरीद वरीयता**

MSE Purchase Preference :/एमएसई खरीद वरीयता	Yes
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1. If the bidder is a Micro or Small Enterprise as per latest definitions under MSME rules, the bidder shall be exempted from the requirement of "Bidder Turnover" criteria and "Experience Criteria" subject to meeting of quality and technical specifications. If the bidder is OEM of the offered products, it would be exempted from the "OEM Average Turnover" criteria also subject to meeting of quality and technical specifications. In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Turnover / Experience Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer.

2. If the bidder is a Startup, the bidder shall be exempted from the requirement of "Bidder Turnover" criteria and "Experience Criteria" subject to their meeting of quality and technical specifications. If the bidder is OEM of the offered products, it would be exempted from the "OEM Average Turnover" criteria also subject to meeting of quality and technical specifications. In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Turnover / Experience Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer.

3. Preference to Make In India products (For bids < 200 Crore):Preference shall be given to Class 1 local supplier as defined in public procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 as amended from time to time and its subsequent Orders/Notifications issued by concerned Nodal Ministry for specific Goods/Products. The minimum local content to qualify as a Class 1 local supplier is denoted in the bid document. If the bidder wants to avail the Purchase preference, the bidder must upload a certificate from the OEM regarding the percentage of the local content and the details of locations at which the local value addition is made along with their bid, failing which no purchase preference shall be granted. In case the bid value is more than Rs 10 Crore, the declaration relating to percentage of local content shall be certified by the statutory auditor or cost auditor, if the OEM is a company and by a practicing cost accountant or a chartered accountant for OEMs other than companies as per the Public Procurement (preference to Make-in -India) order 2017 dated 04.06.2020. Only Class-I and Class-II Local suppliers as per MII order dated 4.6.2020 will be eligible to bid. Non - Local suppliers as per MII order dated 04.06.2020 are not eligible to participate. However, eligible micro and small enterprises will be allowed to participate .The buyers are advised to refer the OM No.F.1/4/2021-PPD dated 18.05.2023.

[OM No.1 4 2021 PPD dated 18.05.2023](#) for compliance of Concurrent application of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order, 2012 and Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017.

4. Purchase preference will be given to MSEs having valid Udyam Registration and whose credentials are validated online through Udyam Registration portal as defined in Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012 dated 23.03.2012 issued by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and its subsequent Orders/Notifications issued by concerned Ministry. If the bidder wants to avail themselves of the Purchase preference, the bidder must be the manufacturer / OEM of the offered product on GeM. Traders are excluded from the purview of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises and hence resellers offering products manufactured by some other OEM are not eligible for any purchase preference. In respect of bid for Services, the bidder must be the Service provider of the offered Service. Relevant documentary evidence in this regard shall be uploaded along with the bid in respect of the offered product or service and Buyer will decide eligibility for purchase preference based on documentary evidence submitted, while evaluating the bid. If L-1 is not an MSE and MSE Seller (s) has / have quoted price within L-1+ 15% (Selected by Buyer) of margin of purchase preference /price band defined in relevant policy, such MSE Seller shall be given opportunity to match L-1 price and contract will be awarded for 25% (selected by Buyer) percentage of total quantity. The buyers are

advised to refer the OM No. F.1/4/2021-PPD dated 18.05.2023 [OM No.1 4 2021 PPD dated 18.05.2023](#) for compliance of Concurrent application of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order, 2012 and Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017. Benefits of MSE will be allowed only if seller is validated on-line in GeM profile as well as validated and approved by Buyer after evaluation of documents submitted.

5. Estimated Bid Value indicated above is being declared solely for the purpose of guidance on EMD amount and for determining the Eligibility Criteria related to Turn Over, Past Performance and Project / Past Experience etc. This has no relevance or bearing on the price to be quoted by the bidders and is also not going to have any impact on bid participation. Also this is not going to be used as a criteria in determining reasonableness of quoted prices which would be determined by the buyer based on its own assessment of reasonableness and based on competitive prices received in Bid / RA process.

## **Pneumatic Cylinder CO5-63-16-25 ( 12 pieces )**

**(Minimum 50% and 20% Local Content required for qualifying as Class 1 and Class 2 Local Supplier respectively/क्रमशः श्रेणी 1 और श्रेणी 2 के स्थानीय आपूर्तिकर्ता के रूप में अर्हता प्राप्त करने के लिए आवश्यक)**

### **Technical Specifications/तकनीकी विशिष्टियाँ**

Buyer Specification Document/क्रेता विशिष्टि दस्तावेज़	<a href="#">Download</a>
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### **Consignees/Reporting Officer/परेषिती/रिपोर्टिंग अधिकारी and/ तथा Quantity/मात्रा**

S.No./क्र. सं.	Consignee Reporting/Officer/ परेषिती/रिपोर्टिंग अधिकारी	Address/पता	Quantity/मात्रा	Delivery Days/डिलीवरी के दिन
1	Intiyaz Khan	422101,India Security Press, Nashik Road Nashik , Maharashtra	12	90

### **Buyer Added Bid Specific Terms and Conditions/क्रेता द्वारा जोड़ी गई बिड की विशेष शर्तें**

#### **1. Generic**

OPTION CLAUSE: The Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be ordered up to 25 % of bid quantity at the time of placement of contract. The purchaser also reserves the right to increase the ordered quantity up to 25% of the contracted quantity during the currency of the contract at the contracted rates. The delivery period of quantity shall commence from the last date of original delivery order and in cases where option clause is exercised during the extended delivery period the additional time shall commence from the last date of extended delivery period. The additional delivery time shall be  $(\text{Increased quantity} \div \text{Original quantity}) \times \text{Original delivery period (in days)}$ , subject to minimum of 30 days. If the original delivery period is less than 30 days, the additional time equals the original delivery period. The Purchaser may extend this calculated delivery duration up to the original delivery period while exercising the option clause. Bidders must comply with these terms.

#### **2. Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC**

Buyer Added text based ATC clauses

### **Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC**

The Bidder firm should meet following eligibility criteria to qualify in the Techno Commercial Bid: -

**I) For MSE/Start-up firm: Capability - Equipment & Manufacturing Facilities:** The bidder firm should have capability to manufacture and supply of similar kind of Pneumatic cylinders as per attached technical specifications.

**II) For other firm - Experience and past performance:** The bidder firm may be Manufacturer/Proven supplier/Authorized dealer or distributor of tendered item or bidder may participate with manufacturing authorization form (issued by manufacturer of tendered item).

**Note:** Participating bidder needs to submit all related documents along with the bid. In case, bidder is manufacturer/Proven Supplier/Authorized dealer or distributor of tendered item, then bidder has to submit relevant document for the same. In case, bidder is not manufacturer/Proven Supplier/Authorized dealer or distributor of tendered item, then bidder has to submit manufacturing authorization form (issued by manufacturer of tendered item).

**III) For Existing successful Past Suppliers:** In case the bidder (manufacturer or principal of authorized representative) who is a successful past supplier of 'The Product' in at least one of the recent past three procurements, who do not meet any or more of requirements above, would also be considered to be qualified in view of their proven credentials, for the maximum quantity supplied by him in such recent past. (This clause is not applicable for Security Items as notified by Government of India from time to time.)

**IV) Joint Ventures and Holding Companies:** Credentials of the partners of Joint ventures cannot (repeat cannot) be clubbed for the purpose of compliance of PQC in supply of Goods/Equipment, and each partner must comply with all the PQC criteria independently. However, for the purpose of qualifying the Financial Standing Criteria, the Financial Standing credentials of a Holding Company can be clubbed with only one of the fully owned subsidiary bidding company, with appropriate legal documents proving such ownership.

**V) PAN:** The Bidder should be registered with the Income tax. Relevant proof in support shall be submitted.

**VI) Goods & Service Tax Registration (GST):** The Bidder should be registered with Goods & Service Tax (GST). Relevant proof of registration Certificate shall be submitted.

### **VII) Undertaking:-**

a) "We M/s \_\_\_\_\_ firm has not been blacklisted by Government of India/PSU/Any Reputed Organisation in the past."

b) "We M/s \_\_\_\_\_ agree to withdraw all the deviations, if any, unconditionally and accept all the Terms and conditions of the bid document including the technical specifications."

### **VIII) Note:**

a) The Indian agent on behalf of the Principal/ OEM or principal/OEM itself can bid but both cannot bid simultaneously for the same item/ product in the same Bid. If an agent submits bid on behalf of the Principal/ OEM, the same agent shall not submit a bid on behalf of another Principal/ OEM in the same Bid for the same item.

b) Interested firms are requested to submit the above required documents sealed and signed on all pages along with Bid.

c) No further correspondence will be made with the bidders for shortfall of documents, if any; such offers with partial submission of documents will be summarily rejected.

d) The Bid should be completed in all the respect including submission of all the required documents so that further clarification may not be called for.

e) "**Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS):** By participating in this tender, the suppliers/Vendors/Contractors are deemed to have undertaken that they shall not give or take, any financial or non-financial bribe, to or from anyone during the tender or during the execution of the contract thereafter and if they notice any such incident happening, they shall report it to Vigilance."

**IX) Manufacturer's authorization:** In case the bidder firm/ Bidder offers to supply of the Pneumatic Spar

es which is manufactured by some other firm, the Bidder has to be duly authorized by the manufacturer of the stated plant to quote for and supply and install the same to India Security Press, a unit of SPMCIL. The Bidder shall submit the manufacturer's authorization letter to this effect.

**X) Delivery Schedule:** - Within 90 days from the date of issue of Contract.

**XI) Quantum of LD:-** If the Seller/Service Provider fails to deliver any or all of the Goods/Services within the original/re-fixed delivery period(s) specified in the contract, the Buyer will be entitled to deduct/recover the Liquidated Damages for the delay, unless covered under Force Majeure conditions aforesaid, @ 0.5% of the contract value of delayed quantity per week or part of the week of delayed period as pre-estimated damages not exceeding 10% of the contract value of delayed quantity without any controversy/dispute of any sort whatsoever.

**XII) Payment Terms:** - Payment will be released within thirty (30) days of issue of Consignee Receipt-cum Acceptance Certificate (CRAC) and submission of bills.

**XIII) Clarification of Bids/Shortfall Documents:** During the evaluation and comparison of bids, the purchaser may, at his discretion, ask the bidder for clarifications on the bid. The request for clarification shall be sought only once on GeM portal, asking the bidder to respond by a specified date/period (i.e. Seven days). If the bidder does not comply or respond by the date/period (i.e. within Seven days), his tender will be liable to be rejected.

Depending on the outcome, such bids are to be ignored or considered further. No post-bid clarification at the initiative of the bidder shall be entertained.

**Note:** While submitting the Clarification/Shortfall Document any technical difficulty occurs on GeM portal, then the bidder can submit the Clarification / Shortfall Document through e-mail (e-mail id: [purchase.isp@spmCIL.com](mailto:purchase.isp@spmCIL.com)).

The Procuring Entity reserves its right to, but without any obligation to do so, seek any shortfall information/ documents only in case of historical documents that pre-existed at the time of the Bid Opening, and which have not undergone change since then and does not grant any undue advantage to any bidder. As far as the submission of documents is concerned regarding qualification criteria, after submission of the bid, only related shortfall documents shall be asked for and considered.

For example, if the bidder has submitted a supply order without its completion/performance certificate, the certificate will be asked for and considered. However, no new supply order shall be asked for to qualify the bidder.

**XIV) Bidder must submit check list of below mentioned documents:-**

Sr. No.	Description	Submitted / Not Submitted
1	MSE Certificate / Start Up Certificate if claiming for exemption against Experience and Turnover Criteria only.	
2	Documentary evidence towards Capability as per clause I	
3	Documentary evidence towards experience as per clause II	
4	Documentary evidence towards PAN & GST Registration as per clause V & VI	
5	Undertakings/Declarations as per clause VII) a) & b) of Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC	
6	Manufacturer Authorization as per clause IX	

7	Duly sealed and signed copy complete of technical specifications	
8	EMD	

### 3. **Generic**

1. The Seller shall not assign the Contract in whole or part without obtaining the prior written consent of buyer.
2. The Seller shall not sub-contract the Contract in whole or part to any entity without obtaining the prior written consent of buyer.
3. The Seller shall, notwithstanding the consent and assignment/sub-contract, remain jointly and severally liable and responsible to buyer together with the assignee/ sub-contractor, for and in respect of the due performance of the Contract and the Sellers obligations there under.

### 4. **Certificates**

Bidder's offer is liable to be rejected if they don't upload any of the certificates / documents sought in the Bid document, ATC and Corrigendum if any.

### 5. **Forms of EMD and PBG**

Bidders can also submit the EMD with Account Payee Demand Draft in favour of

India Security Press, A Unit of SPMCIL  
payable at  
NASHIK

Bidder has to upload scanned copy / proof of the DD along with bid and has to ensure delivery of hardcopy to the Buyer within 5 days of Bid End date / Bid Opening date.

### 6. **Forms of EMD and PBG**

Bidders can also submit the EMD with Fixed Deposit Receipt made out or pledged in the name of A/C

India Security Press, A Unit of SPMCIL

The bank should certify on it that the deposit can be withdrawn only on the demand or with the sanction of the pledgee. For release of EMD, the FDR will be released in the favour of the bidder by the Buyer after making endorsement on the back of the FDR duly signed and stamped along with covering letter. Bidder has to upload scanned copy/ proof of the FDR along with bid and has to ensure delivery of hardcopy to the Buyer within 5 days of Bid End date/ Bid Opening date

### 7. **Forms of EMD and PBG**

Bidders can also submit the EMD with Banker's Cheque in favour of

India Security Press, A Unit of SPMCIL  
payable at  
NASHIK

Bidder has to upload scanned copy / proof of the BC along with bid and has to ensure delivery of hardcopy to the Buyer within 5 days of Bid End date / Bid Opening date.

### 8. **Forms of EMD and PBG**

Successful Bidder can submit the Performance Security in the form of Account Payee Demand Draft also (besides PBG which is allowed as per GeM GTC). DD should be made in favour of

India Security Press, A Unit of SPMCIL  
payable at  
NASHIK

. After award of contract, Successful Bidder can upload scanned copy of the DD in place of PBG and has to ensure delivery of hard copy to the original DD to the Buyer within 15 days of award of contract.

#### 9. Forms of EMD and PBG

Successful Bidder can submit the Performance Security in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt also (besides PBG which is allowed as per GeM GTC). FDR should be made out or pledged in the name of

India Security Press, A Unit of SPMCIL  
A/C (Name of the Seller). The bank should certify on it that the deposit can be withdrawn only on the demand or with the sanction of the pledgee. For release of Security Deposit, the FDR will be released in favour of bidder by the Buyer after making endorsement on the back of the FDR duly signed and stamped along with covering letter. Successful Bidder has to upload scanned copy of the FDR document in place of PBG and has to ensure delivery of hard copy of Original FDR to the Buyer within 15 days of award of contract.

### Disclaimer/अस्वीकरण

The additional terms and conditions have been incorporated by the Buyer after approval of the Competent Authority in Buyer Organization, whereby Buyer organization is solely responsible for the impact of these clauses on the bidding process, its outcome, and consequences thereof including any eccentricity / restriction arising in the bidding process due to these ATCs and due to modification of technical specifications and / or terms and conditions governing the bid. If any clause(s) is / are incorporated by the Buyer regarding following, the bid and resultant contracts shall be treated as null and void and such bids may be cancelled by GeM at any stage of bidding process without any notice:-

1. Definition of Class I and Class II suppliers in the bid not in line with the extant Order / Office Memorandum issued by DPIIT in this regard.
2. Seeking EMD submission from bidder(s), including via Additional Terms & Conditions, in contravention to exemption provided to such sellers under GeM GTC.
3. Publishing Custom / BOQ bids for items for which regular GeM categories are available without any Category item bunched with it.
4. Creating BoQ bid for single item.
5. Mentioning specific Brand or Make or Model or Manufacturer or Dealer name.
6. Mandating submission of documents in physical form as a pre-requisite to qualify bidders.
7. Floating / creation of work contracts as Custom Bids in Services.
8. Seeking sample with bid or approval of samples during bid evaluation process. (However, in bids for [attached categories](#), trials are allowed as per approved procurement policy of the buyer nodal Ministries)
9. Mandating foreign / international certifications even in case of existence of Indian Standards without specifying equivalent Indian Certification / standards.
10. Seeking experience from specific organization / department / institute only or from foreign / export experience.
11. Creating bid for items from irrelevant categories.
12. Incorporating any clause against the MSME policy and Preference to Make in India Policy.
13. Reference of conditions published on any external site or reference to external documents/clauses.
14. Asking for any Tender fee / Bid Participation fee / Auction fee in case of Bids / Forward Auction, as the case may be.

Further, if any seller has any objection/grievance against these additional clauses or otherwise on any aspect of this bid, they can raise their representation against the same by using the Representation window provided in the bid details field in Seller dashboard after logging in as a seller within 4 days of bid publication on GeM. Buyer is duty bound to reply to all such representations and would not be allowed to open bids if he fails to reply to such representations.



**All GeM Sellers / Service Providers are mandated to ensure compliance with all the applicable laws / acts / rules including but not limited to all Labour Laws such as The Minimum Wages Act, 1948, The Payment of Wages Act, 1936, The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 etc. Any non-compliance will be treated as breach of contract and Buyer may take suitable actions as per GeM Contract.**

[This Bid is also governed by the General Terms and Conditions/ यह बिड सामान्य शर्तों के अंतर्गत भी शासित है](#)

In terms of GeM GTC clause 26 regarding Restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India, any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority. While participating in bid, Bidder has to undertake compliance of this and any false declaration and non-compliance of this would be a ground for immediate termination of the contract and further legal action in accordance with the laws./जेम की सामान्य शर्तों के खंड 26 के संदर्भ में भारत के साथ भूमि सीमा साझा करने वाले देश के बिडर से खरीद पर प्रतिबंध के संबंध में भारत के साथ भूमि सीमा साझा करने वाले देश का कोई भी बिडर इस निविदा में बिड देने के लिए तभी पात्र होगा जब वह बिड देने वाला सक्षम प्राधिकारी के पास पंजीकृत हो। बिड में भाग लेते समय बिडर को इसका अनुपालन करना होगा और कोई भी गलत घोषणा किए जाने व इसका अनुपालन न करने पर अनुबंध को तत्काल समाप्त करने और कानून के अनुसार आगे की कानूनी कार्रवाई का आधार होगा।

**---Thank You/धन्यवाद---**