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Minutes of the Meeting held on August 17, 2016 to Explore the Possibility for Adoption of Services of MSTC Ltd.

A meeting was held on August 17, 2016 in the Conference Hall No.-1 of State Secretariat Building under the chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Sarwal, Principal Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura to explore the possibility for adoption of e-Auction/reverse tender services provided by MSTC Ltd. for the state govt. departments. List of the officials present in the meeting is given at Annexure-1.

At the outset Principal Secretary, IT welcomed officials of MSTC Ltd. and State Government officials. Principal Secretary, IT emphasized that primary role of the State Government is to deliver service to the citizen. After a detailed PPT presentation by the officials of MSTC Ltd. on services offered by MSTC Ltd and their advantages, following points have been discussed in the meeting:

1. It was informed by officials of MSTC Ltd. application software of MSTC Ltd. have been developed and managed by their own in-house team and hence, it is a secured platform. They also informed that several govt. organizations have increased their revenue by adopting their e-Auction Service. In this regard, they have highlighted the success story of recent coal block allocation & auction of timber by Forest Department in Kerala.

2. It was informed by the TSECL officials that they have already signed an MoU with MSTC Ltd. and have utilized the platform of MSTC Ltd. to dispose their heavy obsolete equipments like generators, transformers etc. of Rokhia Power Plant. However, they have not adopted the platform to dispose other scrap materials like copper scrap, old transformer located in different TSECL offices across the state, transformer oil and containers etc. TSECL Official opined that it would be very beneficial if such equipments also can be disposed through e-Auction. MSTC Ltd. official informed that the platform can be utilized as there no bar of minimum reserve value.

3. It was informed by PCCF, Tripura that Forest department is facing problem to dispose large quantity of timber and minor forest produce like Arjun grass through auction as there is very limited bidders within the state. He opined that the solution can be very beneficial for the department to dispose the timbers and generate more revenue for the government. However, PCCF expressed his concern regarding the restrictions for timbers from NE region as imposed by Govt. of India.

4. PCCF, Tripura also informed that Forest Department is having a large number of vehicles seized for illegal transportation of timbers. These vehicles are presently lying in different offices of Forest Department. It would be very convenient for the department if these vehicles can be disposed through e-Auction, as the vehicles are occupying space unnecessarily.

5. It was informed by the Director, I&C that a huge quantity of rubber and agarbati stick (bamboo) are being exported from Tripura. But the farmers are not getting appropriate price for their product as they don't have exposure. Director, I&C opined that the platform of MSTC Ltd. can be used for better exposure of the farmers and Rubber & Bamboo products.
Apart from rubber and agarbatti sticks, Tripura is having a rich collection of handicraft & handloom products. It was informed by the MSTC Ltd. that they are developing e-Mandi software for the purpose selling fixed price products online. In the software photographs and description of the products would be made available online. It was requested to MSTC Ltd. to make the software operational at the earliest.

It was informed that NIC is also having e-procurement as well as e-Auction solutions similar to MSTC Ltd., however, e-Auction solution is not being used popularly. NIC was requested to submit a status note on their e-Auction solution.

It was informed that as per Govt. of India guidelines an umbrella agreement needs to be signed between MSTC Ltd. and State Government to avail the services of MSTC Ltd. MSTC Ltd. would also charge a percentage of the total sale price as their service charge. In this regard, MSTC Ltd. has been requested to submit a formal proposal to State Govt.

It was decided in the meeting that after obtaining notes from NIC & MSTC Ltd. regarding e-Tendering & e-Auction it would be examined internally & then circulated to potential departments for considering the suitability and adoption of the suitable platform for the department.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to all by Director IT.
List of Participants of the Meeting held on 11th August, 2016

1. Shri S. Talukder, PCCF, Govt. of Tripura
2. Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, Principal Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura
3. Shri Puneet Agarwal, Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura
4. Shri V G Jenner, Director, I & C, Govt. of Tripura
5. Shri Debapriya Bardhan, Director, IT, Govt. of Tripura
6. Shri Somesh Chandra Das, Chief Engineer, PWD(R&B), Govt. of Tripura
7. Shri M K Chowdhury, Director(Technical), TSECL
8. Shri Rupan Debbarma, Chief Engineer, RD, Govt. of Tripura
9. Shri D P Bahuguna, General Manager, MSTC Ltd.
10. Shri Chayan Kanti Dhar, SIO, NIC, Tripura
11. Shri A K Dey, Technical Director, NIC, Tripura
12. Shri S K Podder, Asstt. General Manager, MSTC Ltd.
13. Smt. Maitrayee Deb, Executive Engineer, RD, Govt. of Tripura
14. Shri Suprakash Jamatia, Joint Director IT
15. Shri Bidyut Datta, Joint Director IT
16. Shri Uttam Podder, Joint Director IT
17. Shri Partha Mukherjee, Head SeMT, Tripura
18. Shri Kapil Kaushik, Sr. Consultant, SeMT, Tripura
19. Shri Ankur, J. Manager, MSTC Ltd.