

project completion date of 31st December 2019). Unless interfered with by your good office and the conditions are allowed to be as such it will lead us to have some compromises with national security, especially in the present tensed situation in borders. Similar security compromises have occurred in many other countries which have become a threat to the home country and neighbouring countries also.

Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan declared by the Prime Minister is intended to promote Indian businessmen. As part of the scheme, the government has deprecated the practice of going for global Tender. But due to the distinct irrational prequalification criteria most of the well deserving contractors are deprived of the chance to bid for the project, which will in turn result in participation of only international corporate. If such be the case, that leads to an unforeseen situation affecting national security. We are in no way against the practice of going for global tender but for the present work being a project to be executed inside the headquarters of southern naval command, high-security zone our concerns are raised. In our opinion, it is not desirable to tender this project with such criteria and in the present Covid-19 scenario causing restrictions in the participation of Indian Companies.

As such, tendering of this work is desirable to be cancelled and retendered with specific criteria limiting any foreign company from participating, along with necessary amendments facilitating more Indian contractors to attend the bid.

Covid-19 lock down and other restrictions are still persisting all over India and the construction sector is not yet recovered from this unprecedented shock and suspension of all activities. Almost all ongoing works are still suffering from this suspension and the full recovery is time consuming since this sector is vitally connected to every other sector in an interstate magnitude. Resumption of the on-going works are very difficult and in such circumstances, mobilisation and commencement of new works is almost impossible. So even if the work is now tendered and awarded, achieving milestones, progressing works in targeted speed, etc., will also be impossible which may eventually be resulted in legal disputes and application of Force Majeure clauses in contracts, which, eventually will delay the completion of the project indefinitely.

In such circumstances, participation of genuinely qualified and deserving bidders in this tender is doubtful and thus the purpose of the tendering of works, i.e., to get minimum quotes from highly qualified bidders, will not be served.

Considering the difficulty for a healthy and smooth bidding under these circumstances, **please retender the project with necessary revisions in regard of national security and Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.**

With regards,

Yours faithfully,



**Mu. Moahan
President**

Builders' Association of India

Encl.: Notice Inviting Tender with Addendum