

BENEFITS TO MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES (MSEs):

With reference to the Order of the Ministry of MSME , under the Public Procurement Policy March 2012 , Micro and Small Enterprises shall be entitled for benefits, subject to terms and conditions, as under:

a) Qualifying Criteria for MSEs, SC/ST vendors:

i. MSE bidders must submit registration certificates from any of the following (or any other body specified by the Ministry of MSME) :

- National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
- District Industries Centres (DIC)
- Coir Board
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC)
- Khadi and Village Industries Board(KVIB)
- Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom

ii. SC/ST owned enterprises (i.e. SC/ST proprietorship, or holding minimum 51% shares in case of Partnership/Private Limited Companies) shall additionally submit relevant SC/ST certificates issued by any of the following:

- District/Additional District Magistrate /Collector/Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/Deputy Collector/1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/Sub-divisional Magistrate / Taluka Magistrate / Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner.
- Chief Presidency magistrate /Additional Chief Presidency magistrate /Presidency magistrate.
- Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
- Sub-divisional Officer of the area where the individual and/or his family normally resides.

iii. The registration shall be valid as on date of placement of order. A self- attested photocopy of the relevant certificate shall be submitted as a support document.

iv. The registration must be for the items/category of items /services relevant to the tendered items/category of items/services.

(b) Purchase Preference for MSE:

In tenders, where the L1 (evaluated price) bidder is a non-MSE, up to 25% of the tendered quantity shall be allowed to be supplied by participating MSEs provided that the tendered quantity is divisible into two or more orders and adequate for the purpose; all qualifying bidders have agreed for acceptance of part-order quantity and participating MSE matches the L1 rate.

A share of 4% out of this 25% shall be allowed to be supplied by participating MSEs owned by Scheduled Cast/Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs and a share of 3% out of this 25% shall be allowed to be supplied by participating MSEs owned by Women Entrepreneurs. In the case of a SC/ST or Women owned MSE failing to participate in the tender or not meeting the tender requirements, this 4% or 3 % respectively sub-target shall be met by other participating MSEs. The above shall be subject to that the participating MSE (including SC/ST and Women) bidders shall have quoted a price within +15% of the L1 bid price and further that they shall agree to match their quoted price with the L1 price.

In case that two or more MSEs are within the L1 +15% band, all such MSEs will be offered the opportunity to match the L1 rate and 25% of the order will be shared equally by them. Where the MSE is SC/ST or Women owned, they shall be exclusively awarded a share of 4% or 3% respectively of the above 25% in addition to equally sharing the balance 18% with other non-SC/ST or non-Women MSEs.

In case of more than one SC/ST or Women MSE matching the L1 price, they shall equally share 4% or 3% respectively of the order, and additionally share the balance 18% with other non-SC/ST or non-Women MSE bidders.

(c) Exemption from Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/ Tender cost and Security Deposit (SD) for MSE:

- Tenders shall be provided free of cost and tender documents are downloadable from the websites of NFL(<http://www.nationalfertilizers.com>) and the Central Public Procurement (CPP) Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app>) or can be obtained from the Office of Chief Manager (Materials) / DGM (Material)/ General Manager (Materials).
- MSE units qualifying as at (a) above shall be exempt from paying EMD.

Additionally, MSEs registered with NSIC shall be exempt from paying Security Deposit up to the monetary limit mentioned in the certificate.