


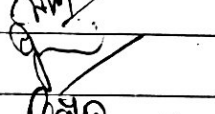
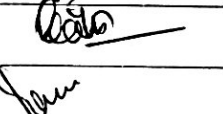
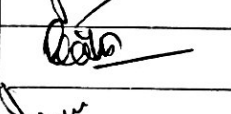



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BID COMMITTEE ON THE REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BIDDERS IN RESPONSE TO THE TECHNICAL DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BID COMMITTEE HELD ON 02/05/2019 FOR GROUP A-1, CERTIFIED AND TRUTHFULLY LABELLED SEEDS AND (GROUP-B HYBRID SEEDS) HELD ON 22/05/2019 AT 1.00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, ASSAM, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI-22**

Members present:-			Signature
1.	Sri Manoj Kumar, IAS Director of Agriculture, Assam	Chairman	
2.	Sri Anal Malla Buzarbaruah Dy. Director of Agriculture, Assam	Member Secretary	
3.	Sri Pranab Kr. Mahanta, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam	Member	
4.	Dr. Nandi Ray, G.M. (M&T) representing Managing Director, ASC Ltd	Member	
5.	Sri Bani Kanta Bargohain. Sr. F.A, Agriculture Department	Member	
6.	Sri Nabanit Saikia Sr. FAO, Directorate of Agriculture, Assam	Member	
7.	Sri Pranjal Baruah Procurement Expert (APART)	Member	

**Group A-1 (Certified and Truthfully Labelled seeds)**

Dr. Nandi Ray G.M (M&T), ASC Ltd. placed before the committee 5 Nos. of prayer/representation received from the Bidders Group-A-1 as against the decision of Departmental Bid Committee dated 02/05/2019 where the bidders were allowed to give representation, if any, in response to the decision of the committee.

The committee scrutinized the submitted documents and adopted the decisions as under for **Group A-1 (Certified and Truthfully labelled seeds):**

SL. No	Name of the supplier	Reason of rejection as per minutes dated 02/05/2019	Particulars of the representation submitted by the rejected bidders for review.	Decision by the committee.	Technical status (in continuation of the minutes dated 02/05/2019).
1.	M/s Teronpi's Enterprise	Quantity against each variety not mentioned.	<p>"..... I have not mentioned the variety wise break- up of the seeds in our technical bid on the ground that, I have very clearly given the said varieties of the break-up of seeds in our price bid submitted online, by calculating the mandatory 30% requirement out of the total quantity mentioned in the said tender....."</p> <p>"..... as per section XI of the tender document, there is no mention of such clause stating that, non submission of the variety wise seed break up in the technical bid will be a ground for rejection or non responsiveness of the tender."</p>	Provisionally responsive, subject to fulfillment of the criteria of minimum quotation of quantity in the financial bid.	<p><b>Paddy: Pr.</b> Responsive for 21000.00 quintal (Swarna sub-1 and MTU-7029) <b>Groundnut: Pr.</b> Responsive for 6000.00 quintals (GPBD-5 an TLG-PS3) <b>Green gram: Pr.</b> Responsive for 3000.00 quintals (HUM-16 and IPM-020)</p>
2.	M/S S.B. Enterprise	Quantity not mentioned	"..... we have quoted variety wise quantity in the financial bid. Therefore I would like to request	The committee was informed that though the	<b>Paddy: 12000.00 quintals (Bina - 11)</b>

		in the authorization	you kindly to consider my technical bid for Bina Dhan-11 (12000 qtl).....”	quantity was not clearly mentioned in the authorization letter but it was mentioned in the tie up agreement. By comparing both the documents the committee decided to make the bidder technically responsive provisionally subject to fulfillment of the criterion mentioned in the minutes dated 02/05/2019.	
3.	M/S Borah Associates	Original authorization not submitted	“..... in Section XI Rejection Criteria, non submission of original authorization was not a criteria of rejection. Therefore we submitted a photocopy of the same though we have the original copy of the authorization. Now I would like to request you kindly to consider my case and accept the original copy of authorization which I have attached with the letter and review the decision”.	Provisionally responsive subject to submission of original copy of authorization and fulfillment of the criterion mentioned in the minutes dated 02/05/2019.	<b>Paddy</b> : 21200.00 quintals Bina-11
3.	M/S Borah Associates	Quantity against each variety is not mentioned.	“..... the quantity against each variety is clearly mentioned in the financial bid which is yet to open. We did not quote the quantity against each variety because this might lead to assumption of the rate of each variety by the competitor as we have submitted the EMD also in the technical bid itself. Considering the fact above, I would like to request to consider my technical bid provisionally responsive subject to the availability of quantity in the financial bid.”	If the required variety wise quantity are not found in the financial bid. Bid shall be rejected under second category and subject to fulfillment of the criterion mentioned in the minutes dated 02/05/2019	<b>Groundnut</b> : 6500.00 quintals (TG- 51 and TG-37A)
4.	M/S Raja Enterprise	Quantity wrongly entered in the minutes	“..... we have quoted certified paddy variety Ranjit Sub-1 of 7018.82 Qtls..... we hereby request you to kindly rectify the Ranjit Sub-1 quantity offered.....”	Typographical error, rectified as 7018.82 qtls.	<b>Paddy</b> : Ranjit Sub-1, 7018.82 qtls.
5.	Laxmi Agencies	Quantity against each variety not	“..... we have quoted variety wise quantity in the financial bid of in our submitted tender along with the rate. We have quoted	Provisionally responsive, subject to fulfillment of the	<b>Black gram</b> : (Pratap URD-1), Green Gram (IPM-02-03, MH-

		mentioned.	variety wise quantity as per the requirement mentioned in the bid document..... There was no clear direction in the tender document mentioning variety wise quantity should be quoted in the technical bid. Because of that reason we quoted variety wise quantity in the financial bid instead of technical bid.....”	criterion of minimum quotation of quantity in the financial bid and fulfillment of the criterion mentioned in the minutes dated 02/05/2019.	421), Soyabean (JS-9560), Groundnut (K-6),
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**Group B Hybrid Seeds:**

Dr. Nandi Ray G.M (M&T), ASC Ltd. placed before the committee 5 Nos. of prayer/representation received from the Bidders Group-A-1 as against the decision of Departmental Bid Committee dated 02/05/2019 where the bidders were allowed to give representation, if any, in response to the decision of the committee.

The committee scrutinized the submitted documents and adopted the decisions as under for **Group B (Hybrid Seeds):**

The committee scrutinized the submitted documents and adopted the decisions as under:-

1. **M/s Borah Associates, Bidder:**

Borah Associates was rejected as per minutes dated 02/05/2019 on the ground of non submission of the Seed License and passport size photograph. The bidder submitted a representation dated 1605/2019 mentioning that “.....we are considered as non responsive for non submission of the Seed license which was inadvertently missed to submit by us. Now I would like to request you kindly to consider my case since it is a historical document and was missed to submit with the document.....” with an attachment of a copy of the seed license. After going through the tender clauses and the representation submitted by the bidder i.e. Borah Associate the committee mentioned that submission of the seed license is a basic document to carry out business in the state. Therefore the plea submitted by Borah Associate is not accepted on the ground of non submission of seed license and passport sized photograph as per clause No. 5 & 16 of Rejection Criteria Section XI of Bid Document.

2. **M/s Leisure Lane, Bidder:**

M/s Leisure Lane, who was a responsive bidder in Group B has submitted a representation stating that their Hybrid Paddy var. AHR-8283 (2500 Qt.) was wrongly written as VNR-2355 PLUS in **Minutes dated 02/05/2019** having authorization from ACSEN HYVEG PVT. LTD., Gurgaon, Haryana, for which they have asked for rectification of brand name as **AHR-8283** instead of **VNR-2355 Plus**.

In this regard, G.M. (M&T) placed documents related to the above mentioned plea and also stated that the variety was wrongly mentioned as VNR-2355 Plus instead of AHR-8283 in the **Minutes**. In view of the representation of M/s Leisure Lane, the Bid Evaluation Committee went through all the related documents and came to the conclusion that ACSEN HYVEG PVT. LTD. is a marketing company of VNR Seeds. The Bid Evaluation Committee confirmed that both the varieties are the same and VNR 2355 PLUS is marketed by ACSEN HYVEG PVT. LTD. by the brand name of AHR-8283. The committee suggested to make necessary correction in regard to the name of the above mentioned variety.

3. **Sri JOYDEEP DEY, Sr. Territory Sales, In-charge of VNR Seeds Pvt. Ltd.**

A complaint in ASC Ltd. Managing Director & GM (M&T) email was received from Sri JOYDEEP DEY, Sr. Territory Sales In-charge of VNR Seeds Pvt. Ltd. stating that they have only authorised the following three parties namely Trinetra Supply Centre, AB Associates, Farmer's World and has not authorised Leisure Lane for VNR Plus 2355.

In this regard, G.M. (M&T) based on the complaint of Sri JOYDEEP DEY placed all the documents related to the above mentioned plea and also stated that the variety was wrongly mentioned as VNR-2355 Plus instead of AHR-8283 in the **Minutes**. Based on the online bid documents submitted by M/s Leisure Lane, it is found that ACSEN HYVEG PVT. LTD. is a marketing company of VNR Seeds, and ACSEN HYVEG Pvt. Ltd. has authorized M/s Leisure Lane. Hence the complaint lodged by Sri Joydeep Dey, regarding authorisation to M/S Leisure

Lane by VNR does not arise since a marketing company can also authorise a bidder as per Section II (ITB) in the bid document.

4. **M/s JKR Enterprise, Bidder**

Dr. Nandi Ray, G.M (M&T), ASC Ltd. placed a representation submitted by M/S JKR Enterprise along with a copy of yield report from ICAR where the bidder mentioned that the report could not be submitted by the bidder within the stipulated time of online submission due to unavoidable circumstance. Secondly G.M. (M&T) stated that the reason of rejection as shown in the minutes dated 02/05/2019 was wrongly mention as non submission of test report instead of Performance report (yield report). The committee after going through the bid documents came to a conclusion that since submission of yield report/ performance report is one of the Rejection criteria under Section XI, document submitted on a later date i.e. after closure of the bid submission cannot be accepted.

5. **M/s A B Associates & M/s Nilima Enterprise, Bidder**

The G.M. (M&T) ASC Ltd. placed the representations submitted by M/S AB Associates and M/S Nilima Enterprise stating that they had duly submitted the yield report alongside the tender specifically mentioned in the pages no. 75-78. The Bidder pertinently mentioned that these data were extracted from the reports of the ICAR published for the year 2010, 2011 & 2012. The G.M. (M&T) ASC Ltd. placed before the meeting the bid documents submitted by the bidders. The G.M. (M&T) mentioned that the Bidders M/s A B Associates & M/s Nilima Enterprise was declared as non responsive due to non submission of yield report. The committee asked the members of the bid evaluation committee to specify the ground of rejection of the firms and the members of the bid evaluation committee stated that the bidders have submitted some extract copies as yield report which could not be judged by them during evaluation and the bidders were declared as non responsive. The committee scrutinised the supporting documents with the representation and found that it was an excerpt of the annual report on All India Coordinated Research Project on Maize, Directorate of Maize Research, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012 and directed G.M. (M&T), ASC Ltd. to verify the original Annual Report online in the relevant website. In compliance of the same in the meeting itself, G.M (M&T) confirmed the availability of the same in the website of ICAR (yield report in form of Annual Report 2010-13 published by the All India Coordinated Research Project on Maize, Directorate of Maize Research, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012) in the link <https://iimr.icar.gov.in>. and [www.dmr.res.in](http://www.dmr.res.in). After having confirmation from G.M (M&T), ASC Ltd. the committee has decided to make both the firms i.e. M/S A.B. Associates and M/S Nilima Enterprise responsive in respect of Hybrid Maize variety SUNVAAMAN.

6. **Complain from Sri Pradip Kalita, Dispur, Kamrup (M), Ghy- 781006**

A complain was received from Sri Pradip Kalita stating that in the evaluation statement of the e-tender uploaded by ASC Ltd., seed licenses related to some varieties have been suspended for one year by proceedings drawn by the Licensing Authority and Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds) O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh Guntur. These varieties belong to the company M/S Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd. and M/S Kaveri Seeds Company Ltd. Two firms namely M/S R&D Associates and M/S Shree Krishna Enterprise have participated in the tender of ASC Ltd. and have taken authorisation from M/S Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd.

In order to cross check the veracity of the complaint, ASC Ltd. made a correspondence with the licensing authority through e-mail. In response to the mail the Seed Regulation Cell, O/o Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh confirmed that the suspension of license of M/S Nuziveedu Seeds confined to only Bt Cotton, Hybrid NCS 459 G II.

G.M (M&T) ASC Ltd. placed the detail matter before the committee along with the relevant documents. After going through the clauses of the tender document and the documents submitted by the bidders, the members confirmed that M/s R&D Associates and Shree Krishna Enterprise are made responsive based on the license issued by the Directorate of Agriculture, Assam to M/s Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd. Nalapara, Lokhra, N.H. Road, Ghy-28 which is a valid license along with fulfilment of other required criteria as per bid document.

The committee directed G.M. (M&T), ASC Ltd. to revoke the earlier minutes on technical evaluation dated 02/05/2019 and upload the same along with today's minutes dated 22/05/2019 and to open the financial bid.

There being no other matter to be discussed for the above two groups, meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.



**Chairman of Departmental Bid Committee  
& Director of Agriculture, Assam**

