

Corrigendum-2

19.06.2026

Reply to queries from bidder for Tender No.GEM/2026/B/7643023 issued on 9.6.2026 for Evaluation Study of Lending Schemes of NBCFDC

Queries	Replies
<p>1. Request to Allow Consortium/Joint Venture Bidding The scope of work requires the evaluator to physically visit and survey 3,000 beneficiaries spread across all States/UTs and all Districts of the country within a period of 6 months. This is a very large pan-India fieldwork requirement, while the total contract value is limited to approximately Rs. 24 lakhs. Given the wide geographical spread of work and the limited contract value, and since the current tender does not have any provision allowing Consortium/Joint Venture bidding, we request NBCFDC to kindly consider allowing Consortium/JV participation for this tender, so that bidders may combine their resources, manpower, and experience to better execute this pan-India assignment within the given time and budget.</p>	<p>Bidders are advised to submit their bids in accordance with the provisions, eligibility criteria, and conditions stipulated in the Tender Document.</p>
<p>2. Tender Fee of Rs. 2,360/- is essential, or can we avail an exemption under MSME and Startup GEM GTC? Generally, in GeM tenders, no tender fees are required due to ease of doing business and allow EMD Exemption for MSMEs and Startups.</p>	<p>Bidders eligible for exemption from Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Fee, as per Government of India guidelines, shall submit the requisite supporting documents along with their bid.</p>
<p>3. Video Testimonials of Beneficiaries As per the tender, video clips (40–60 seconds each) of beneficiaries sharing their success stories are required to be submitted as part of the study deliverables. We seek clarification on the following: a) Is a video testimonial required to be made for all 3,000 beneficiaries covered under the study, or only for the 100 beneficiaries for whom success stories are being submitted as per Annexure-11? b) If video testimonials are required, will a simple video recorded on a mobile phone be acceptable, or is professional-quality videography (with proper camera, lighting, and editing) required?</p>	<p>Refer to point no. 36 and 37 at page no 15 of the Tender document. Video testimonials may be recorded using a mobile phone and professional videography is not mandatory. However, the videos should be recorded by the bidder's evaluation team as part of the field study/assessment process and should be of good quality, with clear audio and visuals. The videos should not be blurred, distorted, or otherwise difficult to view. The testimonials shall conform to the requirements and specifications prescribed in Annexure-11 of the tender document.</p>
<p>4. The financial bid format (Annexure 7) requires the cost per beneficiary per state.</p>	<p>The financial bid shall be submitted strictly in the format prescribed at</p>

<p>Please clarify whether the financial bid should include the cost of producing 100 success stories and 100 video clips within the per-beneficiary cost, or as a separate line item, since these are deliverables over and above the basic survey. To avoid financial bid rejection for incorrect format. Protects against disputes at the payment stage.</p>	<p>Annexure-7. The quoted per-beneficiary cost shall be inclusive of all activities and deliverables specified in the Terms of Reference/Scope of Work, including the preparation and submission of the required success stories and video testimonials. No separate line item or additional cost is to be quoted for these deliverables.</p>
<p>5. In case a beneficiary cannot be physically located at the address provided by the Channel Partner (e.g., migrated, deceased, or address incorrect), will the agency be required to substitute that beneficiary from the same district, or will such cases be excluded from the count with documentation? Field reality — beneficiary addresses from FY 2024 25 may be outdated. Clear policy protects against penalties for shortfalls outside agency control.</p>	<p>Kindly refer to Annexure-13</p>

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