



Answer of Queries Raised Regarding Tender for Selection of Vendor for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Solar Power Packs on Hiring Basis (Etawah Region)

Query	Answer
1. Payment Terms: The tender document does not specify payment terms. Kindly clarify the payment mechanism, billing cycle, and whether payments will be processed by individual branches or the Regional Office.	The billing cycle will be on a monthly basis. Payments will be processed at the respective branch level against submission of the monthly invoice, as per applicable terms and procedures.
2. Branch Details: Please provide the list and total number of branches where the solar systems are proposed to be installed.	At present, approximately 20 branches are proposed for installation of the solar systems. However, the number of branches may be increased or decreased as per requirement.
3. DG Requirement Clarification: We are presently executing similar Solar OPEX projects with leading PSU banks such as State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India and Punjab National Bank. In these banks, the strategic objective is to phase out permanent DG sets and transition toward solar systems supported by adequate battery backup, thereby reducing diesel dependency, operational cost, and carbon emissions. In case of exigency we provide DG sets for temporary basis. In the present tender, mandatory installation of a 5 KW DG along with the solar system may substantially increase monthly rental and dilute the environmental benefits of solar adoption. Kindly clarify whether the Bank intends permanent DG installation at each branch under this project.	During the rainy and winter seasons, reduced solar generation adversely affects branch operations. Since most branches are located in rural areas where arranging a generator at short notice is difficult, provision of a DG set along with the solar system is necessary to ensure uninterrupted operations under all conditions. Further, as per the tender provisions, quotations have been invited for both options — Solar with DG and Solar without DG.
4. Technical Specifications: The tender document does not detail technical specifications for PCU, solar modules, batteries, and other major components. Kindly provide the required technical parameters and standards to ensure proper compliance.	The system should consist of good quality components capable of providing uninterrupted power supply against a load demand of 7.5 kW. The battery bank should comprise 08 to 10 batteries of minimum 150 Ah capacity each. All major components such as PCU, solar modules, batteries, and associated equipment must be of standard make and conform to applicable industry standards to ensure reliable performance and compliance.
5. Security and Connectivity: "As these systems often require Remote Monitoring Units (RMU) for performance tracking, please clarify if the Bank will provide internet/LAN connectivity at the branches for this purpose, or if the vendor must provide independent GSM-based monitoring."	The Bank will not provide any internet/LAN connectivity at the branches for this purpose. The vendor shall be responsible for arranging independent GSM-based monitoring, if required.

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