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Women win more than quotas

**‘Dereserved,
Seats Stay
Female-friendly’**

Rukmini Shrinivasan | TMC

Our male MPs might find this disturbing reading. Quotas for women don't always mean electing just the few for whom seats are reserved. Over time, reservation leads to more women winning elections than the designated quota.

Data from Mumbai's municipal corporation indicates that the impact may continue even after a seat is de-reserved. The data shows that a municipal ward reserved for women in one election and open in the next was five times more likely to elect a woman than a ward that had never been reserved.

The study by Stanford University political scientist Rikhil Bhav-

Incremental Gains

Results of the Mumbai municipal corporation elections in 2002

	Ward reserved in 1997 and open in 2002	Ward open in 1997 and 2002
% of female winners	21.6	3.7
% of wards where at least one woman stood for election	73	35.8
% of votes received by all female candidates	15	3.3

Source: Bhavnani, 2009

When the women go out there & do what they have to do, the attitudes will change. In fact, now the joke in New Zealand is: **can a man be the PM?**

Helen Clark

NEW ZEALAND
PM 1999-2008,
NOW UNDP HEAD

mani covered the 1997 and 2002 elections. Analysis had to be restricted to these elections because ward boundaries were different at other times. Bhavnani's findings were published last year in the American Political Science Review.

The study showed that approximately 21.6% of the wards reserved for women in 1997 but open in 2002

were won by women in the later election. In contrast, only 3.7% of wards that were open in both 1997 and 2002 were won by women. In all, women won 3.4% of all open seats in 1997, which more than doubled to 8.6% of open seats in the 2002 elections.

Reservation not only meant more women had more election successes when the quota ended, but

also made more women stand for office. Seventy-three per cent of wards previously reserved for women but open in the next election had at least one female candidate the second time around.

But only 36% of wards that were not reserved in either election had any women candidates. Similarly, the average number of women who stood for election in freshly de-reserved wards was double the number in wards that were open both times. The number of new female candidates standing for election was also higher. More important, quotas seem to have made the electorate more willing to vote for women. The study showed that the share of votes polled by all female candidates rose from a mere 3.3% in 1997 to 15% in 2002. Bhavnani explains this change with the theory that reservations partly work by introducing into politics women who are capable of winning elections even after reservations are withdrawn and also by teaching parties that women can win elections.

N-bill: Congress wants govt to hit 'pause' button

**Is It Sign Of
Sonia, PMO
Disconnect?**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The government's attempts to muster support for the Nuclear Liability Bill has been seen as denoting its anxiety about getting the legislation passed in the Budget session of Parliament. But it was actually prompted by advice from the Congress leadership to government leaders not to move ahead on the controversial legislation without making an effort to bring everyone on board.

Congress sources said the advice to go slow on the bill was conveyed to the government after it ran into strong Opposition resistance in both Houses. This virtually means that the bill, notwithstanding exertions by government functionaries, is headed for the standing committee.

The government has told party emissaries it is reconciled to the bill being referred to the standing committee and that introduction of the legislation is merely a step in that direction. Party sources stressed that while the leadership doesn't have any reservations about the contents of the bill, it is wary of being seen to steamroller-through legislation that the Opposition alleges will help American nuclear reactor manufacturers.

The suggestion that it's time to hit the pause button is being seen as yet another instance of the disconnect between the PMO's priorities and those of the party leadership. The hiatus led party chief Sonia Gandhi to lean on a government that appeared risk-averse to push for the women's quota bill to be passed at all costs. Last week's absence from the Lok Sabha of 35 Congress members, including ministers, when the



Rajender Kamwal

Nuclear Liability Bill was being introduced was seen to reflect the mismatch between goals, or at least their timing.

Significantly, it was the PMO's quest for nuclear energy since UPA-I that brought up the divergence in agenda. Congress initially showed little sign it shared the PMO's enthusiasm over the nuclear deal, until Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, with Rahul Gandhi's help, managed to get the party to line up behind his signature initiative.

The gap showed up again over India's controversial peace overtures to Pakistan at Sharm el-Sheikh. The PMO has justified the decision to re-engage with Pakistan but statements by important government functionaries, such as defence minister A K Antony and home minister P Chidambaram, have led many to doubt if all the leaders are on the same page.

The disconnect between what enthuses whom has led to a division of labour, with the PM identified with foreign policy initiatives such as the nuclear deal and the unsuccessful stab at rapprochement with Pakistan. Popular measures, such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and the Food Security Act as well as the game-changing Right to Information Act have got stacked in Sonia Gandhi's column.

India sees chance it can disrupt Karachi Project

**Chidambaram Wants
Pak Action Against
All Conspirators**

Diwakar & Vishwa Mohan | TNN

New Delhi: With the United States promising access to David Coleman Headley, India is fast preparing the chargesheet against him, hoping to extract information on the Lashkar leaders who masterminded the Mumbai attack and sensing an opportunity to disrupt the Karachi Project.

The instruction to ready the chargesheet that would be the basis for a formal request to the US court — letter rogatory in legalese — for access to Headley came after a conversation between home minister P Chidambaram and Eric Holder, US Attorney General and head of the Department of Justice.

Holder told Chidambaram that provision for India to gain access to the Lashkar terrorist has been clearly provided in Headley's "plea agreement" with the US authorities. Headley admitted on Thursday to laying the groundwork for 26/11.

The agreement, under which he has been spared the death sentence in exchange for a

On The Headley Trail

► India will try to extract information from David Headley on the Lashkar masterminds of the 26/11 attacks

► The National Investigation Agency is hoping to use Headley's information to thwart the Karachi Project, a plot scripted by the ISI and meant to launching terrorist attacks on India



► Chidambaram is told that provision for India to access the Lashkar terrorist is provided in his 'plea agreement' with the US authorities

guilty plea and cooperation with the investigating agencies, stresses that Headley has agreed to "fully and truthfully testify in any foreign judicial proceedings held in the United States by way of deposition, video conferencing or letter rogatory".

A statement issued by Chidambaram also underlined that Headley's calculated attempt to escape lethal injection — the preferred way of execution in the American state of Illinois where he is being tried — will not be fulfilled until after he cooperates with Indian agencies.

► Headley's info may help, P 15

Babbar Khalsa module busted, three arrested

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mohali/New Delhi: Hot on the heels of the Mumbai and Ahmedabad arrests of terrorists suspected of plotting terror attacks, a joint police team from Punjab and Delhi police busted a module of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), an outfit backed by Pakistan's ISI. Three men were arrested.

Two alleged BKI terrorists, identified as Daljit Kumar alias Deepak of Baltana in Mohali district and Purshotam Singh alias Bunt from Rajoura in Patiala district, were arrested from the Zirakpur-Patiala road near Zirakpur in an operation conducted by the Mohali Police and the Special Cell of Delhi Police on Thursday night. The third member of the outfit, Karwinder Singh, a native of Ropar, was held in Delhi on Friday.

This comes just six months after Punjab police discovered a BKI cell. That the arrests coincide with those in Mumbai and Ahmedabad confirms fears about the ISI-Lashkar combine's urgency about launching a wave of terrorist attacks in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games.

The BKI comprises Khalistanis sheltered by the ISI in Rawalpindi and Lahore.

► ISI pressure, P 17

A terror SMS from your cell? Possible

V Narayan | TNN

Mumbai: Imagine getting a lewd SMS from a number you know, going to police with a complaint and then finding out that the supposed sender is clueless about what happened.

Two such cases have been reported to Mumbai police in the past month. Though they are yet to track down the sender, they have managed to unearth a bizarre truth, that of the 'masked SMS'. The user has to register on a website (for as little as \$10) and can send text messages to and from any mobile number on the planet without being identified.

Mumbai police have managed to track down two or three websites that are used to send masked messages and are collaborating with IT experts to get to the bottom of the matter. "We have received two complaints in the last one month where the sender's number was camouflaged," joint commissioner of police (crime) Rakesh Maria told

Masked Messages

- Sender looks for 'sending masked SMS' in search engine
- Logs on to any of these websites and registers under a false identity
- Pays a nominal fee (\$10) and gets an activation code
- Enters numbers in 'to' and 'from' slots
- SMS sent without either party's knowledge



TOI on Saturday.

IT industry sources said, "It's rare for the real miscreant to be caught in such a situation because people might register under false identities and also commit credit card fraud to pay the small registration fee," says IT expert Vijay Mukhi.

► Three-year jail term, P 15

Chak de India: Milkha sells story for Re 1

V Narayan Swamy | TNN

Bangalore: One rupee. That's the princely sum for which Milkha Singh — The Flying Sikh — has handed over his life story to filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra.

Milkha has his reasons for turning down the eight-figure sum offered to him. If *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag* were to become a hit like *Rang De Basanti*, inspire our young people and result in India's first Olympic track gold, that's reward enough for him. Singh says, "This is the year of the Commonwealth Games. I feel sad to say that 52 years after I won a gold in the Cardiff Games, India hasn't been able to win a gold in track events.

► Hope to inspire youth, P 16

Letter & spirit of Dharavi's post

Sudeshna Chatterjee | TNN

Mumbai: Ever wondered what it's like to deliver post in Asia's biggest slum, Dharavi? Especially when the address reads something like this: 'Mahim Patak ke baju mein' or 'Ajmal Kasab, Dharavi, Mumbai-17!' That the name of the addressee in the latter instance happens to be same as the lone 26/11 terrorist currently on trial at a special court is of course another story.

Dharavi is home to more than a million people. Every day, there are at least 4,000 ordinary letters to be delivered, a hundred registered ones, 150 speedposts, at least four parcels and about 15 money orders, says B S Jaiswar, sub-post master at Dharavi Post office. There are some company annual reports as well to be delivered, he adds.

Surprised? Dharavi is home to several thriving small-scale industries such as embroidered garments, leather goods, pottery and plastic. According to reports, Dharavi's



PLEASE MR POSTMAN...

products sell domestically and abroad. The slum's annual business turnover is estimated at more than \$650m.

It can become a bit of a problem, says complaint inspector, Mumbai city, west division, Pratibha Parab, with speedposts that must be delivered the same day. Particularly as letters could bear addresses such as Laxmi Chawl, Room No 31, Kumbharwada Road. Or it might be NKP Stores, AKJ Nagar or simply c/o Pandit paanwala. These are not fictional addresses. This is how most letters arrive at the local post office no matter that the sender is a bank, mobile company or lives abroad. Slum houses generally have no door numbers. Postman B R Rane says that rather than numbers, it is the locals and shopkeepers who help locate the addressee. These postmen become so good at nailing an address that the sleuths recently asked them for help during a hoax bomb scare.

► Two years to master Dharavi, P 17

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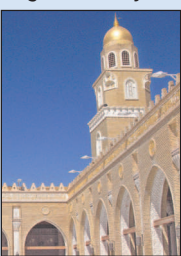
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Too many cases, pleads the Supreme Court

To devise a way out of the jungle of files eating into judicial time, a Bench comprising Justices Markandey Katju and R M Lodha said the time has come for a constitution Bench to lay down guidelines about the categories of cases the apex court should entertain. **P 11**

TOI in Iraq: The small trading community of Dawoodi Bohras single-handedly rebuilt one of



Islam's holiest places of worship — the Great Mosque at Kufa in strife-torn Iraq. The Bohras started work on the mosque in 1998. The mosque is the place Imam Ali — whom Shias consider Prophet Muhammad's successor — was killed. **P 16**

Come April 1, sportsmen's age counts: The Union sports ministry's new national code to check age fraud is meant to come into force on April 1. This may not happen because just 10 days remain for identity cards to be issued. **P 28**

IPL update: Bangalore Royal Challengers (156/3 in 19.1 overs) beat Mumbai Indians (151/9). Rajasthan Royals (168/7) beat Kolkata Knight Riders (134). **P 25, 26**

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High 5: Most women in Muslim law board

Highest No In Exec Council In 27 Years

Lucknow: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board seems to have turned a little more gender-friendly. For the first time in 27 years of its existence, the representative body of ulema, academicians, scholars and members of civil society, has nominated the highest number of women members in the executive council.

The tally of five women out of the 51-member committee could still indicate a pronounced male bias of the outfit but the decision goes to prove that an additional opening for women has been created this time. So far, the lone woman member among 41 committees (10 extra members have been included only on Saturday) happened to be Beghum Naseem Iqtedar Ali, a founder member since the very inception of the body in 1973.

Two out of the five members in the group—Dr Rukhsana Lari and Dr Safia Nasim—hail from Lucknow apart from the Begum. Kolkata sends Noorjehan Shakil while the fifth nominee, Dr Asma Zohra, belongs to Hyderabad. The move is being interpreted as a result of pressure on the board from the liberal bodies and also

Sachar against sub-quota for Muslims within 33% in LS



Kolkata: Justice (retired) Rajinder Singh Sachar, who headed the committee that surveyed the condition of Muslims in the country, on Saturday said he did not favour a sub-quota for Muslim women within the 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. “I do not want the sub-quota within the quota of 33%. But, I favour seat reservation for women as they are a deprived section,” Justice Rajinder Singh Sachar, who prepared the report on the social, economic and educational status of women, said on the sidelines of a seminar here. Arguing that creation of a sub-quota as demanded by Lalu Prasad and Mulayam Singh Yadav would further weaken the women, he said, “It will split them. Women as a block are the most deprived in the country, whether Hindus, Muslims or Christians. The sole aim should be their empowerment as a whole. Gender injustice is rampant in the country,” he said. Besides, reservation of seats for Muslim and OBC women would increase male chauvinism which is bad, he added. AGENCIES

its desire to maintain its supremacy when the rival women's bodies like All India Muslim Women Personal Law Board, Akhil Bhartiya Muslim Mahila Andolan etc have openly turned defiant at the overt male-centric approach to all matters pertaining to their tribe, taken up by the body.

The lone female voice so far was hardly heard and easily ignored but the changed situation could result in a welcome change in the scenario.

Another first this time is inclusion of members from

far off states like Meghalaya, Tripura, Assam and even Ladakh in the committee. Retired supreme court judge Shah Mohammad Qadri and deputy chairperson of the Rajya Sabha Rahman Khan have also been accommodated.

Maulana Rabe Hasan Nadvi, the rector of Nadva, has been unanimously re-elected the president of the board. This would be the third consecutive term for the cleric scholar who is widely respected by the minority community and even beyond it. TNN

Godman got Mumbai models for flesh trade

Wanted To Make Most Of It During C'wealth Games

Dwalpayan Ghosh | TNN

New Delhi: Investigations into the sex racket run by Shiv Murat Dwivedi or Ichchadhari Sant Swami Bhimanandji Maharaj Chitrakootwale, 39, have revealed that the godman regularly got Mumbai-based models and bar dancers for his flesh trade in Delhi.

“Many girls from other states were married to pimps, brought to Delhi and pushed into the flesh trade. Dwivedi alias Shiva was instrumental in running this racket from Lajpat Nagar. However,



when the crime branch closed in on him, along with the Noida police, Dwivedi decided to go for an image makeover and emerged as Ichchadhari Baba,” said a south district police officer.

Dwivedi was also planning to invest in a hotel in Noida. The eight diaries and five CDs recovered from his possession contain details of air travel by Mumbai-based models and bar girls. Most of these girls were put up in a hotel at Surajkund in Faridabad, the police said. Dwivedi also had great business

acumen. “He planned to make the most during the Commonwealth Games since he knew that foreign tourists would seek escort services. The website launched by Dwivedi was an attempt to attract clients. It was to further his racket that he planned to construct a hotel in Noida,” the police said

Meanwhile, Dwivedi on Saturday pleaded before a Delhi court that his life was under threat and sought a separate cell for himself in prison. However, additional sessions Judge S K Sarvaria directed the jail authorities to act as per prison rule and sent the accused to 14-day judicial custody under the stringent MCOCA. The court sent him to judicial custody till April 3. Dwivedi was arrested on March 9 under the provisions of the MCOCA.

Bohras had to brave odds to rebuild shrine

Kartikeya | TNN

Kufa: Bohras, a denomination of Ismaili Shiites of Gujarati descent, have had historical ties running for centuries with Najaf and Karbala, two of the holiest Muslim shrines. The Prophet's grandson, Imam Hussain, was killed in the epic battle of Karbala in 680. The giant courtyard of the Kufa mosque, which the Bohras have rebuilt, is entirely made of gleaming white marble carted from Makrana in Rajasthan, while its golden domes and intricate blue carvings testify to the centuries-old shrine's recent makeover. The mosque was refurbished in 2009 and has since attracted thousands of pilgrims from across the world. The sanctum, where Imam Ali prayed, is brightly lit with huge chandeliers and covered with ornate carpets.

When Bohras floated the idea of rebuilding the mosque, Saddam was still in power and the 11-year project only got difficult after the 2003 American invasion. “People don't understand how difficult it was



The Great Mosque at Kufa

to work during Saddam's regime,” Harvard University historian Tamara Chalabi said. The Bohras got around the politics by maintaining an extreme-

Shopian rape case doc caught in porn MMS

Srinagar: The J&K government on Saturday ordered the suspension of Pulwama chief medical officer Dr Ghulam Qadir Sofi following surfacing of a porn MMS clip involving him in a government hospital in south Kashmir. Dr Sofi was part of a team of doctors that conducted the autopsy of the two Shopian rape and murder victims in May 2009. The MMS clip *allegedly* shows him in intimate acts with a burqa-clad woman. “Yes, we have suspended the doctor on *alleged* moral turpitude,” director, health Kashmir, Dr Muhammad Amin Wani said. “We are also going to order an inquiry into the incident,” he said. Ironically, Dr Wani had last year promoted the CMO for honesty, dedication and outstanding service. Sources said Dr Sofi was promoted after seniority of many doctors were ignored. The four-minute porn clip, which is said to have been shot at his office premises, surfaced following attempts to blackmail the senior officer.

M Saleem Pandit

Quota makes voters open to female netas

Rukmini Shrinivasan | T16

A study into the 1997 and 2002 BMC polls by Stanford University political scientist Rikhil Bhavnani has shown that of the wards previously reserved for women but kept open in the next elections, 73% had at least one female candidate running for office the second time around.

Among wards that were not reserved in either election, only 36% had any women candidate. Similarly, the average number of women who stood for election in freshly dereerved wards was double the number in wards which were open both years. The number of new female candidates standing for polls was also higher. More importantly, there seems to have been a major impact on the electorate's willingness to vote for women once a ward has gone through the experience of reservation. The study showed the share of total votes received by female candidates rose from 3.3% in 1997 to 15% in 2002. Bhavnani, in his study, has examined the mechanisms through which the change could be taking place and posits that reservations work in part by introducing into politics women who are able to win elections even after the

Nirmala new BJP spokeswoman

New Delhi: A Free Thinker from JNU of the 1980s is not exactly the profile for a BJP spokesperson, going by the typical “Bharatiya Nari” trend so far, but Nirmala Sitharaman seems to have slipped into the role perfectly. If there is nothing really new about party chief Nitin Gadkari's team of office-bearers, she certainly is a welcome aberration. She is seen as BJP's reply to Congress' Jayanthi Natarajan. Considering it took the BJP a decade to have a women spokesperson after Sushma Swaraj did a good job of it till the late 1990s, Sitharaman came across as quite articulate as she addressed her first press conference at the party headquarters on Saturday. Sitharaman said she joined the BJP in 2006 as she agreed with its ideology. TNN

quota has been withdrawn and also by teaching parties that women can win polls. It could be argued that reservations forcibly introduce society to the concept of a woman representative, an idea that the electorate then becomes increasingly more comfortable with.

If I could do it, why not others: Milkha

V Narayan Swamy | TNN

Bangalore: Sporting legend Milkha Singh said he was counting on his biopic by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra to inspire India's youth with the story of an unassuming athlete who fought mind-numbing hardship and personal loss to win universal acclaim through sheer grit and determination.

And who among the Bollywood A-listers could best essay him on screen? Milkha is non-committal, saying the cast has not been finalised. But the buzz is that it could be Akshay 'Khiladi' Kumar, the most sporty of our heroes, with Deepika Padukone, with her badminton genes, playing the female lead.

Born in Lyallpur (now in Pakistan) in 1935, Milkha was a battle-hardened soul even before he let go of his childhood. As a 12-year-old during Partition, he was witness to the spine-chilling sight of his parents being butchered in front of his eyes. A few sobs later, his heart was in his mouth as he escaped the clutches of death, concealing himself among corpses on the train to India.

Recovery wasn't easy but Milkha conquered the odds and before long, had won the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games golds in 1958 and famously lost the 400m bronze in the Rome Olympics by the proverbial coat of paint. “I want Indian youth to understand what determination and purpose can achieve. If a Milkha, who didn't have access to even the basic necessities of life, can aim for the skies, why not others who have been provided with the best of facilities? If Milkha can bring glory to the nation despite running barefoot in the initial stages of his career, why not those who run with the best of shoes now?”

The Flying Sikh, as the legend was called by former Pakistan president Ayub Khan in 1962 after he won a race in that country, agreed to a token amount of Re 1 only because he was keen the nation produce a dozen more Milkhas. And, if the film makes profits, 20% of it will go to the Milkha Singh Trust, which answers distress calls from the deprived and all those who deserve help, in sport as in any other facet of life.

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SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE

Sealed tenders in two bid system i.e. (1) Technical Bid (2) Price Bid in two separate envelopes are invited from reputed manufacturers for supply of following materials.

Description : 11KV, 630 AMP VCB PANEL, **Qty. :** 01, **Last date and time of submission of Tender :** 1.30 PM of Dt.09.04.2010, **Date of opening of Technical Bid :** 3.30 PM of Dt.09.04.2010, **EMD Amount :** Rs.6,000/- (In shape of B.D., from a nationalized Bank, payable at Paradip favouring FA & CAO, PPT. For detail of materials, instruction and terms and conditions of this STCN please log on to PPT website www.paradiport.gov.in or contact the office of the undersigned.

PPT/PR/630/09-10 Dt. 19.03.10 **Manager (Materials)**

PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer (E), Hyderabad Central Electrical Division No.II, C.P.W.D., Nirman Bhavan, Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad-500 095 (Telefax No. 040-24656775) on behalf of the President of India, Re-invites applications for Pre-Qualification of under mentioned work from the following:-

(A) The Contractors who are in CPWD approved list in appropriate class of Sewage Treatment plant works either enlisted or annually pre-qualified.

(B) The firms, which are specialized in design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of similar Sewage Treatment Plants.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost.	Earnest Money	Time Allowed
1.	Construction of 2.50 lakh litres capacity Sewage Treatment plant at site 'A' of SVP NPA, Hyderabad	Rs.68.00 Lakhs (Approx)	Rs.1.36 Lakhs (Approx)	6 (Six) Months

1. The Contractors who are in CPWD approved list in appropriate class of Sewage Treatment Plant (either enlisted or annually pre-qualified) shall enclose an attested copy of their valid CPWD approval / annual prequalification.

2. The firms which are specialized in similar Sewage Treatment Plant works (as mentioned in 'B' above) will have to fulfill the following prequalification criteria:-
They should have satisfactorily completed works, as stated below during the last 7 years ending last day of the month of February, 2010.

(a) Two similar completed works each of Sewage Plant of not less than 2.00 lakhs Ltr/day flow rate with **FAB technology** of each work costing not less than **Rs.40.80 lakhs** (atleast one of them should be in Central / State Govt. / Autonomous bodies / PSUs)

OR

(b) One similar completed work of Sewage Plant of not less than 2.00 lakhs Ltr/day flow rate with **FAB technology** of each work costing not less than **Rs.54.40 lakhs**.

(c) One work of similar nature (either part 2(a) above or a separate one) of Sewage Treatment Plant of individual capacity not less than 2.00 lakhs Ltr/day flow rate with **FAB technology** of each work costing not less than **Rs.40.80 lakhs** with any Central / State Government / Autonomous Body / Public Sector Undertaking.
Similar work shall mean "design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Sewage Treatment plant with FAB technology and associated equipment."

The value of executed works shall be brought to current level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 7% per annum, calculated from the date of completion of work upto the date of receipt of pre-qualification application.

(d) Should have a solvency certificate issued from the Nationalized / Scheduled bank for **Rs.27.20 Lakhs** not earlier than **01/03/2009**.

(e) Completion certificates issued by the Officer of the client department of the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent duly attested by a Gazetted officer will have to be furnished along with the application.

The completion certificate must clearly indicate.

(i) The date of completion of work

(ii) Nature of work

(iii) That the work has been completed satisfactorily.

(iv) Completed value of work.

3. The applications submitted by the firms without enclosing all the above prescribed documents shall not be considered for evaluating their eligibility criteria.

4. The applications for pre-qualification supported by prescribed documents (in support of above prequalification criteria mentioned in **Para 1, 2 & 3** above shall be submitted in a sealed envelope superscribed with the name of work and due date of opening.

The applications will be received upto **3.00 PM on 03.04.2010** and shall be opened by the Executive Engineer (E), HCEED.II, CPWD, Nirman Bhavan, Hyderabad or his authorized representative in his office on the same day at **3.30 PM**.

The time and date of opening of technical bid/financial bid shall be communicated at a later date to the prequalified firms / contractors.

5. The department reserves the right to reject any prospective application without assigning any reasons and to restrict the list of qualified contractors to any number deemed suitable by it, if too many bids are received satisfying the laid down criteria.

6. The pre-qualification notice can also be seen in the website: www.tenderhome.com and <http://www.cpwdsrn.nic.in>

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

for

Operation & Maintenance of existing Bio-Conversion Plant at Darni-ka-Bagicha, Lalpani, Shimla.

Municipal Corporation Shimla intends to invite Expression of Interest from the interested Companies/NGOs/ Voluntary Groups/ Joint Ventures/ Other parties for the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the existing 100 MT/day capacity Bio-Conversion Plant based on Controlled Aerobic Technology commonly known as Excel Technology installed at Darni-Ka-Bagicha, Lalpani, Shimla. Initially the period for O&M of plant shall be from 01/05/2010 to 30/10/2010 which may be extended further on mutually agreeable terms till the plant is shifted to new site at Bhariyal on Tara Devi - Totu Bye Pass road.

Site Information:

Darni-ka-Bagicha, Lalpani, Shimla on N.H. 22 Bye-Pass road.

This site is located at a distance of about 5 KM. from ISBT.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

The EOI should be supported by the details of the applicant as follows:-

- Brief profile of the applicant including qualifications & experience of the team members.
- Annual Turn Over for the last three years certified by Chartered Accountant.
- Experience in the scope of work especially the Operation & Maintenance of Bio-Conversion plant of Excel Technology.

Scope of Work:

- Operation & Maintenance of 100 MT/day capacity Bio-Conversion Plant of Excel Technology for Municipal Solid Waste.
- Segregation of recyclable materials, production of compost and also its marketing.

Note: The details can be obtained from Term of Reference (TOR) which can be downloaded from MC Shimla website www.shimlamc.gov.in.

SUBMISSION OF EOI

- Applicants who want to form consortia/ joint ventures, the EOI should clearly state the Lead Agency.
- Municipal Corporation Shimla will consider EOI only from those bidders who deposit Earnest Money deposit of Rs. 3.0 Lac in the form of crossed Demand Draft in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla and a non-refundable Demand Draft of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) as processing fee in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Shimla, payable at Shimla.
- Interested bidders may submit their EOI in the office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Shimla on or before 3.00 pm on 5th April 2010. The Technical bids will be opened on 05/04/2010 at 4.00 PM. by the Committee constituted for the purpose in the presence of the representatives of the bidders, who may like to be present.
- The EOI must have the separate envelop for Technical Bid, Financial Bid and Earnest Money Deposit & Processing Fee.
- Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Shimla reserves the right to accept or reject any and to application and to annul the process at any time without any liability or assigning any reason thereof.

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla.

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