

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AGRI-BUSINESS AND RURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT(SMART)

Project Implementation Unit- Agriculture

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Statement of Compliance on Statutory Audit Report FY 2024-25

The table below summarizes the compliances and clarifications furnished in response to the observations raised in the Statutory Audit Report pertaining to procurement aspects.

Sr. No	Audit Para	Compliance / Clarifications Submitted
1	<p>Payment has been made to Sunny Travels for vehicle hiring on a rental basis the Contract Will initial for the period of one year which may be extendable further on rendering satisfactory Services without changing existing agreed norms.</p> <p>1. Corrigendum No 1 Contract Period shall be 01.05.2023 to 31.10.2024 Date: 30-04-2024</p> <p>2. Corrigendum No 2 Contract Period shall be 01.05.2023 to 30.04.2025 Date: 11-10-2024</p> <p>3. An extension clause up to October 2025 was provided based on satisfactory performance, as per the corrigendum issued.</p> <p>However, the original agreement does not clearly specify the exact duration and terms of such extension, resulting in ambiguity in contractual obligations.</p>	<p>1. As per the relevant contract clause, the initial contract period is for one year, with extensions granted based on project requirements and the satisfactory performance of the service provider.</p> <p>2. Any extensions provided to the service provider were granted only after obtaining the approval of the competent authority.</p> <p>3. However, to avoid ambiguity, PIU Agri has published new tender to engage service provider for vehicle hiring. The Notice Inviting Tender is enclosed for perusal.</p>

Accordingly, clarifications have been provided, and corrective actions have been taken wherever applicable. In view of the above, it is requested that the audit paras may kindly be considered as complied with and closed.



Request for E-Quotation

Country: India

Name of Project: Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness & Rural Transformation (SMART) Project, Pune

Contract Title:

Invitation for quotation for Selection of Agency for Providing Vehicle Services to PIU Agri

Loan No.: IBRD Loan No90310

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: 2025_DOAWB_1258951_1

Issued by:

Head,

Project Implementation Unit, Agriculture

Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness & Rural Transformation (SMART) Project

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INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS

To

Sub: Invitation for quotation for Selection of Agency for Providing Vehicle Services to PIU Agri

Dear Sir/Madam

1. Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra has received financing from the World Bank towards “Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness & Rural Transformation (SMART) Project” to transform agriculture and livelihoods sector in Maharashtra. The objective of the project is “to support development of inclusive and competitive agriculture value chains focusing on smallholder farmers and agri-entrepreneurs in Maharashtra”. This would be achieved by expanding access to new and organized markets for producers and enterprises with complementary investments in provision of technical services and risk management capabilities.
2. The Project Implementation Unit – Agriculture is one of the beneficiaries of the project. PIU -Agri’s functioning office is based in Pune.
3. The Head, Project Implementation Unit - Agriculture hereinafter referred to as Purchaser now invites online quotation on <https://mahatenders.gov.in> from eligible bidders for providing Commercial vehicles on rental basis to SMART Project for the period of one year as per the detail scope of service and other terms and conditions mentioned in **Annexure A**.
4. The procurement process is carried out as per the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, July 2016 Revised November 2017, July 2018, November 2020, September 2023, February 2025 or as applicable. No special preference, relaxation will be accorded to any bidder either for price or for other terms and conditions.

5. Schedule of RFQ:

Sr No	Details	Date & Time
1.	Date & Time for Commencement of Downloading RFQ document.	Date: 16/12/2025 Time: 02.15 PM
2.	Pre-bid meeting	Date: 22/12/2025 Time: 12.00 PM
3.	Last date & time for downloading the RFQ document	Date: 05/01/2026 Time: 12.00 PM
4.	Last Date (deadline) & Time for submission	Date: 05/01/2026 Time: 03.00 PM
5.	Date and Time for Opening of Technical envelop	Date: 06/01/2026 Time: 03.00 PM
6.	Date and Time for Opening of Financial envelop	It will be conveyed through https://mahatenders.gov.in after completion of technical bid evaluation.

Signature Not Verified

Digitally signed by Dhammashila Ramesh Bhadikar
Date: 2025.12.16 12:41:58 IST
Location: Maharashtra-MH