



BIHAR RAJYA BEEJ NIGAM LIMITED

(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)

An IS/ISO 9001:2015; IS/ISO 14001:2015; IS/ISO 37001:2016 Certified Company

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Patna,

Dated 17/7/2023

ORDER

Whereas M/s B. Mukherjee & Co., Chartered Accountant firm was selected as "the Agency" for conducting internal audit work & preparation of Books of accounts of Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Ltd. for the FY 2018-19 & 2019-20 through quotation called by the company. Since the Agency quoted the lowest rate, work order issued to the agency vide letter no.1595 dated 22.07.2020

Whereas the Agency was delaying the assignment work, a reminder vide letter no. 2481 dated 10.11.2020 was served to the agency to expedite the assignment work.

Whereas no significant progress was shown in the assignment work, a 2nd reminder vide letter no. 1937 dated 16.07.2021 was served to the agency asking to complete the assignment latest by 31.07.2021 ,otherwise work order would be cancelled and may be allotted to other party. The Agency responded vide letter no Nil dated 19.07.2021 as under: *"We are sorry to state that completion of internal audit for FY 2018-19 & 2019-20 is not possible for us within such short span of time i.e. by 31.07.2021. Management can take decision as per their convenience."*

Whereas a Show Cause Notice (SCN) vide letter no. 981 dated 29.05.2023 was served to the Agency to explain the reason for delay and to justify as – "Why not the Agency be blacklisted for its gross negligence behavior".

Whereas the agency vide letter no. Nil dated 30-05-2023 submitted the reply to SCN mentioning the reason for delay and quoted as under: *"We have taken started the audit and worked on it but unable to complete it because of non-working of offices at full capacity due to covid pandemic and also non availability of data. We have spent good amount of time and money in this audit. After spending time and resources our appointment got cancelled and now notice being served to take action. If extra time was allotted to us then definitely we would have completed the audit. Covid Pandemic has affected our audit and caused financial & human loss. We have lost our two staffs and one partner due to covid."*

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The management did wait till 15.03.2022 before assigning the audit work to the other firm M/s Ghoshal & Ghoshal, CA firm at Budh Plaza, Budh Marg, Patna based on the empanelment list prepared on 15.06.2020. Thus, almost 8 months lapsed after the receipt of the letter from the Agency on 19.07.2021 but, still they failed to complete the audit work assigned to them. *Meaning thereby that the Agency has been negligent and behaved irresponsibly and causing inordinate delay in the audit work of BRBN.*

Hence, in view of the above, the competent authority do hereby blacklist the agency- M/s B. Mukherjee & co. Chartered Accountant firm for a period of 3 years with effect from the date of order. A copy of order may be sent to all concerned


(Alok Ranjan Ghosh)
Managing Director

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1. B. Mukherjee & Co., Chartered Accountants, 1st Floor, Vinayak Villa, Makhania Kuan, Patna
2. Director Agriculture, Bihar, Patna
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