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 Central Water Commission  
 Central Project Management Unit  
 Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project  
 Phase II and Phase III

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Sl. No.	Queries	Response of CWC
1.	<p>The annual turnover is mentioned as Rs. 300 crores during the last five years. It seems that no Indian companies will qualify and only the bidders from International organisations will get qualified and will get the job. If we look at the project scope of services, it is mentioned for next 10 years (Phase-II and Phase-III). The project tender cost is about 413 crores. Hence, work may have to be carried out for 41.3 crores annually.</p>	<p>This is a knowledge driven activity which can not be compared with procurement of any work or good. In order to meet the intended objectives of the Scheme, this service is proposed to be hired. In such services carrying forward the institutional memory is equally important.</p> <p>The financial threshold is fixed based on market strength and response of potential bidders. Also, there is no such methodology as cited in the procurement regulation of the World Bank as well as Government of India to fix this financial threshold.</p> <p>This threshold limit is placed in order to ensure availability of adequate financial resources with the qualified firm with a payment cycle of 5 to 6 months. It shall meet out liability of various expenses like salaries of its international as well national experts, supporting staff as well as regular expenses to run the office.</p> <p>It has been the experience of CWC in the ongoing DRIP, some of the best resources left the assignment in between the Scheme due to the reason that such type of issue cropped up between the consultant and the expert. Such incidences ultimate and adversely impact of performance of project implementation.</p>

		<p>The perceived view expressed here is that no Indian company will qualify is not based on market survey. However, CWC would review the necessity of this any revision based on requests from various prospect bidders as well as outcome of scheduled Pre-REOI Meeting on June 29, 2020.</p>
2.	<p>Instead of single EoI of Phase –II and III, the EoI tender should be proposed in two separate phases, i.e. Phase-II and Phase-III. Accordingly, total project tender cost has to be reduced to Rs. 200 crores. Subsequently, many Indian companies will get an opportunity to qualify and it will create more employment for Indian citizens and utilise their expertise. Which in turn, fulfils the aspirations of our Hon’ble Prime Minister regarding Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Yojana.</p>	<p>The planning of proposed Consultancy Services is linked with the intended objectives of the Scheme and their achievement including the equal opportunities for participation of Indian firms. The provision of JV has adequate scope for participation of Indian bidders. The qualification in JV is minimum requirement of financial and technical qualification i.e. 40% of financial requirement as well as technical experience in minimum Category out of six Categories.</p> <p>The ongoing DRIP has created a pool of knowledge in dam safety management in India, the new Scheme will further strengthen this ongoing drive of knowledge creation in our dam safety professionals, dam owners, academicians as well as scientist etc.</p>
3.	<p>Our Hon’ble Prime Minister recently declared Aatmanirbhar Yojana, in which it clearly mentioned that tender below Rs. 200 crores should not be called Global bidding. Hence, it will not fit the vision of our Hon’ble Prime Minister, which would be intended to be within permissible limits of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines for hiring consultancy firms.</p>	<p>The proposed procurement is being done as per the procurement of framework of World Bank. The classification of NCB/ICB regarding procurement of consultancy services is solely based on the guidelines and procedures of World Bank.</p> <p>As per the WB Procurement Regulations, the financial value of the proposed Consultancy assignment qualifies for International Competitive Bidding and not National Bidding. The CVC guidelines would not apply for such procurements.</p>