

RCF/Purchase/Debarment/Wire Mesh/App No VI

31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Sub: Approval for Debarment of M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited**  
**Ref: GEM Enquiry no. GEM/2025/B/6161771 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 for**  
**Procurement of Wire Mesh Screens as per Specifications and Drawing**

**A) पृष्ठभूमि | Background:****1) Requirement Received:**

- An indent dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025 was received in the Purchase Dept. for the referred procurement.
- Details of the PR received are as follows (Page No-1 to 10):

(Table No-I)

Indent No.	Received in Purchase Dept. on	Basic Estimate (Rs.)	Budget	Plant/Dept
10085157	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	8,15,228.00	Revenue	Suphala(M)

- These wire mesh screens were required for raw material-rock phosphate, strainer fabrication & product.
- Item No 1 and 2 were needed for rainy season when mixed rock and wet rock are provided by Bagging plant to Suphala plant. To stop the chocking of rock 8 mm & 10 mm screens were required and were codified. Item no-3 was required for product screen to coat and item no-4 was required for strainer fabrication for pump inside tank.
- Plant estimate was based on budgetary offer of M/s Mister Mesh, M/s Amartya Wire Mesh & M/s Hindustan Industrial Corporation for item no- 01 & 02 and for item no- 03 & 04, estimate was based on last PO -5700007207 dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with WPI.

**2) Issue of Enquiry through GeM Portal and Receiving Offers:**

- As per the specifications in the PR, custom catalogue was prepared (Page No- 16).
- Subsequently, Custom Bid was prepared and hosted on GeM portal (Page No-20-22) seeking offers in two bid system with due approval of the competent authority (Page No- 23-25).
- GeM Bid details are given below (Page No-26):

(Table No-II)

Tender Number	Date of Publishing	Date of Opening
GEM/2025/B/6161771	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

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- Prospective bidders were intimated about the enquiry vide mail dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (Page No-27-28)
- By due date, 3 offers were received from following bidders (Page No- 29):
  - M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited
  - M/s Mister Mesh Wire Products
  - M/s SRG Metalcrafts (India) Private Limited

### 3) Price Bid Opening:

- After 1<sup>st</sup> round of clarifications, offers submitted by all the bidders were found to be technically commercially suitable and thus as per the approval no RCF/Purchase Dept/Wire Mesh/PBO/1 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 (Page No- 62-63), priced bids of all the 3 bidders were opened and M/s Ashar Locker (India) Private Limited emerged as Lowest (L1) bidder (Page No- 64).
- Pricing offered by L1 bidder is as follows (Page No-64):

(Table No-III)

Sr. No.	Parameters	M/s ASHAR LOCKER (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED (L1 Bidder)
		(In Rs.)
1	Basic Price Quoted	69,624.00
2	Applicable GST @18%	12,532.32
3	Landed Cost	82,156.32
4	Evaluated Cost	69,624.00
Basic Estimate (Rs.)		8,15,228.00
Variation w.r.t Basic Estimate(%)		-91.46

- As price quoted by the L1 bidder, M/s Ashar Locker (India) Private Limited was found to be substantially lower than the plant estimate, price justification was sought from them through GeM Portal with due approval of the competent authority (Page No- 65-66).
- In response, bidder stated that while submitting the quotation only unit prices of the items were quoted without multiplying the same by tendered quantity of each line item resulting in such a low quote (Page No-67-69). Further to this, an e-mail dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 was sent to M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited and bidder was informed that they are required to execute the order at their quoted price (Page No-70).

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- In response, bidder, vide mail dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 reiterated that low price was result of not multiplying unit prices with the tendered quantity of each line item and they are unable to execute this order (Page No-71).
- Subsequently, with due approval of the competent authority, file has been closed and enquiry was cancelled on GeM portal (Page No- 72-75).
- Show cause notice dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 was issued to M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited seeking explanation for low quote (Page No- 99-100).
- In response dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, vendor reiterated that during tendering unit rates were submitted without multiplying them by tendered quantity resulting in unusually low price (Page No-102).

**B) आगे की कार्रवाई | Further Course of Action:**

- From the above illustration, it is evident that bidder has committed mistake while submitting the quotation and backed out later on due to the unviability of the quoted rates.
- Considering this, as per clause no 5(C), of the debarment annexure, for backing out of tendering process, it is proposed to debar M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited for a period of 6 months from the date of approval from participating in future tenders.
- Pursuant to debarment,
  - i. Offers submitted by M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited in future tenders shall not be considered and rejected.
  - ii. In all the cases, where as of now, enquiry has been issued and M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited has submitted offer, such offer shall not be considered and rejected as per the clause no 16 of Annexure- B of the enquiry related to Debarment of firms from Bidding (Holiday/De-listing/Black-listing).
  - iii. All the contracts which have been already awarded to M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited shall continue to operate till the end of respective contractual period as per the clause no 17 of Annexure-III of the enquiry related to Debarment of firms from Bidding (Holiday/De-listing/Black-listing).

**C) अनुमोदन हेतु अनुरोध | Approval Sought for:**

In view of above, approval is sought

- i. To debar M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited from RCF and its associated offices for a period of 6 months from the date of approval.
- ii. To not evaluate offers submitted by M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited against the ongoing enquiries.

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
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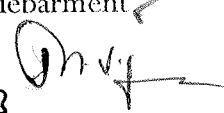
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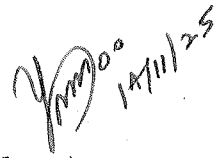
- iii. To allow continuation of the existing contracts awarded to M/s Ashar Locker India Private Limited till the expiry of their respective contractual period.
- iv. To raise incident with the GeM portal authorities, post finalization of debarment action

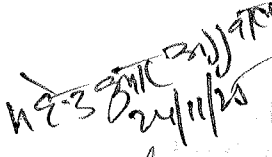
Submitted for approval please, as per Manual (goods) clause No: 3.5.3.


  
Nilesh Potnis  
Chief Manager  
(Purchase)


  
Sham Shirsat  
Deputy General Manager  
(Suphala) 

  
Vivek Naravane  
Senior Manager(F)  
(Alternate Member)


  
Parag Dandekar | DGM (Purchase)

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Mahendra Agrawal | CGM (Finance) 

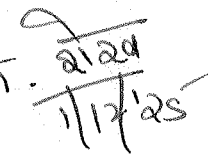
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Vikram Jawale | ED (Trombay) 

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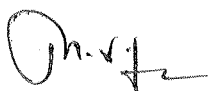
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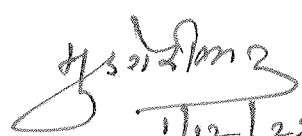
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Ritu Goswami | Director (Technical) 

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Nazhat Shaikh | Director (Finance) 

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S C Mudgerikar | Chairman and Managing Director

Committee's recommendation  
is accepted.

  
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