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DETAILED E-TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF CUMINSEED AT SABARIMALA **Tender Document NO 40/2026/SAB**

For and on behalf of the Travancore Devaswom Board, the Commissioner invites e-tenders from Government Agencies, Co-operative institutions, Private agencies and Private factories for the supply of **20 MT** of Cuminseed at Sabarimala. Tenders should accompany copy of documents showing that the company has an average annual turnover of 25 Lakh for last three years .Earnest Money Deposit for participating in the tender is **Rs 30,000/-**

Articles should be supplied at Sabarimala Devaswom Store at Sannidhanam. Tenderer should be prepared to supply 50% of the articles before 1-11-2026 and balance quantity should be supplied as per the demand of the Executive Officer, Sabarimala in Pathanamthitta District, Kerala which is accessible to heavy vehicles including Lorries up to Pampa and further transportation cost to sannidhanam via tractors shall be solely bore by the supplier.

Specification of Cumin seed is as follows

Cuminseed shall have characteristic aromatic flavor free from mustiness. It shall be free from mould, living and dead insects, insect fragments, rodent contamination. The product shall be free from added colour and harmful substances.

It shall conform to the following standards

(i) Extraneous matter	Not more than 3.0 percent by weight
(ii) Broken fruits (Damaged, shrivlled, discolored and immature seed)	Not more than 5.0 percent by weight
(iii) Moisture	Not more than 10.0 percent by weight
(iv) Total ash on dry basis	Not more than 9.5percent
(v) Ash insoluble in dilute Hcl on dry basis	Not more than 3.0percent
(vi) Non volatile ether extract on dry basis	Not less than 15% by weight
(vii) Volatile oil content on dry basis	Not less than 1.5% by v/w
(viii) Proportion of edible seeds other than cuminseeds	Absent
(ix) Insect damaged matter	Not more than 1% by weight.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The food item shall conform to the standards prescribed in the Food Safety & Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 (REG:2.9.8).
- 1.2 The entire lot will be rejected if the above condition is violated and penal provision will be invoked as decided by the Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala, to such violation.
- 1.3 The supplier shall be liable to be prosecuted under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, if standard variations are noted from those prescribed under the Food Safety & Standards, Food Products standards and Food Additives Regulations, 2011.
- 1.4 The payment will be released only to those suppliers who supply raw materials which conform to the standards under the Food Safety & Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
- 1.5 The supplier should submit an Analysis Certificate from an accredited laboratory along with every lot supply.
- 1.6 The supplier should have a valid **FBO/PFA/FPO/FSSAI** license issued by the competent authority.
- 1.7 The tenders submitted by the defaulters on earlier occasions in contract with the TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD will not be considered. The tenderer shall submit an affidavit along with the tender swearing that he is not a defaulter to the TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD on any earlier occasion.
- 1.8 The Cuminseed should be packed only in bags conforming to the standards of Food Safety. The name of the supplier and the month and year of packing should be mentioned on the bag. The bags should be of good quality and contain inner coating or having double layer so that Cuminseed can be preserved for long period without any contamination and not affected by humidity. Suppliers should be careful to pack the item in non-plastic sack bags only. The supplier should take back the used bags at regular intervals to ensure proper disposal.
- 1.9 The suppliers should furnish the weight of the lorry load from the Weigh Bridge situated at Pampa and also furnish the Quality Certificate from

accredited analytical laboratory for each load in addition to the test at Pampa.

- 1.10 The payment will be made only for the weight of the article excluding the weight of the bag.
- 1.11. The rates quoted should be inclusive of taxes, freight up to the respective destination, loading and unloading charges and all other expenses. The rates should be valid for one year. In case more number of materials under the items are found necessary, the tenderer should be prepared to supply the same at the same rate .
- 1.12. The successful tenderer shall within seven days of receipt of communication accepting the tender should produce a sum equivalent to 10% of the total value of the material as bank guarantee towards security for the due performance of the contract and shall execute an agreement with the Board. The period of Bank Guarantee shall be valid for one year from the date of agreement.
- 1.13. Executive Officer Sabarimala is the purchasing officer and an agreement should be executed by the successful tenderer with the purchasing officer at the earliest / within stipulated time
- 1.14. Negotiation shall only be conducted with the lowest tenderer who full fills the prescribed pre-qualification criteria's.
- 1.15. No compromise in the quality of the articles will be allowed. **In case ,the samples contain health hazardous elements like tetrazine ,stringent action will be taken against the Firms submitting those samples, as recommended by the Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala.**
- 1.16. The Tenders should be submitted through online on or before **19/08/2026 10.00 am**, The Tenders will be verified at **20/08/2026,10.00 am**
- 1.17. Eligible tenderers will be asked to submit 4 kg of samples to the Office of the Devaswom Commissioner for inspection prior to the award of the contract.
- 1.18. The Tenders submitted by those who were defaulters in the previous years will not be considered.
- 1.19. The bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with their own Digital Signature Certificate.

1.20. If any tenderer withdraws from his tender before the expiry of the period fixed for keeping the rates firm for acceptance, the Earnest Money if, any, deposited by him will be forfeited to the Board and such other legal actions will be taken against him as the Board thinks fit.

1.21. In case where a successful tenderer, after having made partial supply fails to fulfill the contract in full, all or any of the materials not supplied may at the discretion of the Board, be purchased by means of another tender/ quotation or by negotiation or from the next higher tenderer who had offered to supply already and the loss, if any, caused to the Board shall thereby together with such sum as may be fixed by the Board towards damages be recovered from the defaulting tenderer.

1.22. Any sum of money due and payable to the contractor (including security deposit returnable to him) under this contract may be appropriated by the Purchasing Officer or the Board or any other person authorized by the Board and set off against any claim of the Purchasing Officer or the Board for the payment of a sum of money arising out of or under any other contract made by the contractor with the Purchasing Officer or the Board or any other person authorized by the Board. Any sum of money due and payable to the successful tenderer or contractor from the Board shall be adjusted against any sum of money due to the Board from him under any other contract.

1.23.If there is only one tender, it will not be opened in the first instance.

1.24 The Travancore Devaswom Board reserves the right to cancel the tender or change the timing and quantity of the supply of goods, if the goods are not required, whole or in part, due to the unforeseen circumstances such as natural disaster or epidemics. The suppliers has no right to seek compensation in the event of such occurrence.

1.25. The Board reserves the right to apportion the quantity among the suppliers.

1.26 .The confirmation of tender will be subjected to the verification report of the devaswom vigilance department

1.27 The tenderer shall supply the required quantities of items directly to the concerned Devaswoms as per the instructions of Executive Officer Sabarimala

1.28 The supplier shall submit batch wise and load wise food safety lab testing reports to the store superintendent and Executive Officer for every consignment supplies.

2. DETAILS OF PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR THE TENDERS, TIME AND SCHEDULE AND COST OF BIDDING DOCUMENT, EMD TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE BIDDER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS BID

- (a) Cost of tender document.-Rs1500/-+GST through online
- (b) Earnest Money Deposit –Rs 30,000 /-(Rupees Thirty Thousand only) through online
- (c) Tender Closing date: **19/08/2026 10.00 am**
- (d) Tender Opening date: **20/08/2026 10.00 am**
- (e) Mode of submission of tender :Tender should be submitted through online in" ***www.etenders.kerala.gov.in***".
- (f) Tender documents consisting of qualification information and eligibility criteria of bidders, Technical specification, schedule of quantities etc. are available in the web site "***www. etenders.kerala.gov.in***".
- (g) Other details of tender documents are available in the website"***http://travancoredevaswomboard.org/***.

3.DOCUMENTS TO BE FURNISHED ALONG WITH THE TENDER

3.1 *3.1 The CUMINSEED Manufacturing Units should have proper valid license by the concerned authority for manufacturing/processing and storing of CUMINSEED the copy of which will have to be furnished. In respect of Traders and processors a valid trading license as may be applicable for trading in CUMINSEED, a copy of which may be submitted.*

3.2. *In respect of manufacturing unit ,Traders and Processors the attested copy of the Balance Sheet and profit/ Loss Account for the last three years duly certified by a Chartered Accountant shall be submitted.*

In case of a leased unit, the above documents of both the entities i.e. the lessor and the lessee will have to be furnished.

3.3 *In case of partnership firm or Co-operative or Corporate Or Companies, the CUMINSEED Manufacturing Units, Trading firms and processing units should furnish a copy of the partnership deed or byelaw or Memorandum as the case may be. In case of partnership firms the Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of firms and the name and full particulars of all the continuing partners as entered in the Registrar of firms should be furnished. In case of Co operative / corporate body, copy of letter of authorization of the Chief Executive or the authorized person to register and participate in the e-procurement/tender process should be furnished.In the case of Companies, the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and the Certificate of incorporation*

should be furnished.

3.4 In case of supplier who has entered into lease agreement with the CUMINSEED manufacturing Units, the copy of the legally registered lease agreement duly certified by the Chartered Accountant shall be enclosed.

3.5 The CUMINSEED Manufacturing Units, Trading firms should furnish letter of authority or power of attorney for having authorized the person to sign the documents on behalf of the firm or society or corporate body.

3.6 The applicants shall submit attested copy of the Income Tax returns of the last three years with a copy of a PAN card attested by authorized signatory.

3.7 copy of Certificate of registration under GST

3.8 An affidavit on Rs 200 non judicial stamp paper and Notarized , regarding:

3.8(a). Not having been prosecuted for the violation rules / law under the Essential Commodities Act or any such others law or orders thereunder in any court of law.

3.8(b). Not having been black listed by any organization or Government for non-performance of contractual obligation.

3.9 The address proof of the authorized signatory viz. Aadhaar Card should be submitted along with the application. The address proof in respect of the firm shall be either certificate of registration or certificate of incorporation issued by the authority concerned.

3.10. Bank Account details of the firm along with the IFSC code, Branch details and address shall be furnished in the letterhead of the firm.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BIDDER FOR THE E-SUBMISSION OF THE BIDS

4.1 Bidder should do the registration in the tender site <http://etenders.kerala.gov.in> using the option available. Then the Digital Signature Registration has to be done with the e-token, after logging into the site. The e-token may be obtained from one of the authorized certifying authorities such as SIFY/TCS/nCode.

4.2 If there is any clarification, this may be obtained online through the tender site or through the contract details. The Bidder should take into account the Corrigendum if any published If any before submitting the bids through online.

4.3 After the bid submission, the acknowledgement number given by the e-tendering system should be printed by the bidder and kept as a record of evidence for online submission of bid for the particular tender.

- 4.4 The Tender Inviting Authority (TIA) will not be held responsible for any sort of delay or difficulties faced during the submission of bids through online by the bidders.
- 4.5 The bidder should submit the bid documents by online mode through the site <http://etenders.kerala.gov.in>.
- 4.6 Each documents to be uploaded through online for the tenders less than 2 MB. If any document is more than 2 MB, it can be converted to rar/zip format and then the same can be uploaded. However if the file size is less than 1 MB the time for uploading transaction will be very fast. The total size of the documents in all the covers put up together, should be less than or equal to 12 MB.
- 4.7 The bidder should ensure that the bid documents submitted are free from virus and If the documents could not be opened, due to virus, during tender opening, the bid is liable to be rejected.
- 4.8 The time settings fixed on the server side are displayed at the top of the tenders. It will be valid for all actions of requesting bid submission, bid opening etc, in the e-tender system. The bidders should follow this time schedule during bid submission.
- 4.9 All the data being entered by the bidders would be encrypted using PKI encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered will not be viewed by authorized persons during bid submission and not be viewable by any one until the time of bid opening. The submitted tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized individual.
- 4.10 The confidentiality of the bids is maintained since the secured Socket Layer 128 bit Encryption technology is used. Data storage encryption of sensitive field is done.
- 4.11. Tenders received online with the remarks that there is “ EMD FAILURE” will not be accepted. Care should therefore be taken by the Tenderers to ensure that their EMD is submitted properly.
- 4.12 Tender will be in 2 cover system. Price bid of those tenders whose technical bid approved by technical committee shall be opened for further evaluation

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