

(318th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Thursday, the 2nd June, 2022

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*Questions Nos. 33, 34, 41, and 47-B were deferred on 25th May, 2022
(318th Session)*

(Def) *Question No. 33 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 23/02/2022 at 11:25 AM) QID: 38732

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government has recently purchased 20 rail engines from defaulted / defective locomotives companies, if so, the names of foreign companies and details of the procedure for purchasing engines thereof; and*
- (b) *the number of the functional railways engines of said foreign companies and details of its off track engines?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) Ministry of Railways has purchased the undermentioned 20 Nos. D.E Locomotives in 2017 from M/s. General Electric Transportation Co. USA. (Now, M/s. WABTEC Transportation Co. USA, copy of signed papers is attached as **Annexure-A**).

The firm is not a international defaulter for manufacturing of locomotives nor a defective Company.

Procedure for purchase:

For purchasing of locomotives, International Tender was advertised by the Director Procurement, Islamabad following the PPRA

Rules Nos. 12, 13 and 36 on Two Stage - Two Envelope bidding procedure basis.

After fulfilling all the pre-requisites as per Rules and Regulations, Director / Procurement, Islamabad finalized the case and the said Locomotives were procured from the above mentioned firm.

Sr.#	Name/No. of Loco	Sr.#	Name/No. of Loco
1.	4551	11.	4561
2.	4552	12.	4562
3.	4553	13.	4563
4.	4554	14.	4564
5.	4555	15.	4565
6.	4556	16.	4566
7.	4557	17.	4567
8.	4558	18.	4568
9.	4559	19.	4569
10.	4560	20.	4570

(b) At present, all the 20 Nos. D.E Locomotives are in working condition and none of them is stabled on any account. The reliability, availability of this particular fleet has mostly remained above 95% against the bench mark of 85%.

Annexure-A

LOCOMOTIVE PURCHASE CONTRACT

BETWEEN

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, acting through
the Director Procurement, Ministry of
Railways, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad**

AND

**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, acting
through its Transportation Operating Division,
GE Transportation, USA.**

This Locomotive Purchase Contract numbered DP/20 DEL/2017 (the "Contract") is made at Islamabad, Pakistan on the 7th day of June, 2017.

By and Between:

The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, acting through the Director Procurement, Ministry of Railways, Government of Pakistan (the "Purchaser") which term includes his successors in interest and permitted assigns) having its offices at Block D, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan

AND:

General Electric Company, acting through its Transportation Operating Division "GE Transportation" (the "Seller" or "GE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, United States of America and having its place of business at 2901 East Lake Road, Erie, Pennsylvania 16531, USA, which shall include its successors in interest and permitted assigns.

(The Purchaser and the Seller are collectively referred to as the "Parties" and on an individual basis as a "Party")

WHEREAS

(1) The Purchaser intends to purchase and accordingly floated an international tender inviting bids for supply of twenty (20) (2000-2500) HP and THP at site condition as illustrated in Seller's response against technical clause 10.11 (Annexure BB3) GE Diesel Electric locomotives (the "Locomotives") and certain tools and spare-parts (the "Parts") (hereinafter the Locomotives and the Parts are collectively referred to as the "Goods") and certain other related services for local assistance in operation and maintenance (the "Services") as provided in Clause 31 of this Contract.

(2) The Seller is in the business of manufacturing, selling and supplying all the Goods provided for in Clause 3 of this Contract and responded to the tender floated by the Purchaser by placing its bid and participating in the competitive bidding process;

(3) The Purchaser has accepted the bid placed by the Seller and the Seller has agreed to supply to the Purchaser all the Goods as stipulated in Clause 3 of the Contract on such terms and conditions as have been specified in this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO AND DECLARED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THIS CONTRACT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) The Recitals shall form an integral part of this Contract




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CONTRACT NO. DP/20 DEL/2017

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Seller and the Purchaser have caused this Contract to be signed and executed by their duly authorized officers or representatives as of the date first above-written. This Contract has been drawn up with mutual good intentions for the smooth execution and implementation of the Project.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN.



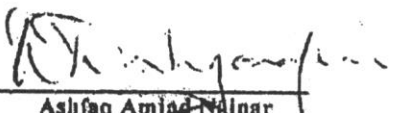
Director Procurement
Pakistan Railways
Director Procurement
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Railways
Islamabad

WITNESSED BY




Joint Director Procurement
Government of Pakistan
Railway Division
Islamabad

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY



Ashfaq Amjad Nainar
Regional Sales Director
General Electric Company

WITNESSED BY



M. ASAD NOOR
COUNTRY MANAGER
(GE)

(Def) *Question No. 34 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

(Notice Received on 23/02/2022 at 12:00 PM) QID: 38978

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to start rail service between Havelian and Abbottabad, if so, details thereof?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: There is no railway track between Havelian Railway station and Abbottabad. Therefore, there is no proposal under consideration for starting rail service between Havelian and Abbottabad.

(Def) *Question No. 41 **Senator Danesh Kumar:**

(Notice Received on 1/03/2022 at 3:45 PM) QID: 39025

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for improvement of tracks and general services / infrastructure at various railway stations in Balochistan indicating funds released and utilized for the purpose during last three years?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: The Railways infrastructure in Balochistan is being maintained as per the available resources in order to provide safe and secure travel for the passengers. The position of funds allocated and utilized over the last 03 years is as under:

- Railway Track in Balochistan consists of Sibi Quetta-Chaman, Spzand – Taftan & Sibi – Hurnai and some portion of Jacobabad Sibi Section. The position of funds during the last 03 years is as under:

Fiscal Year	Allocated funds (Rs. Million)	Utilization (Rs. Million)
2018-19	121.00	42.430
2019-20	117.00	33.593
2020-21	114.00	91.636

- The position of funds utilized for the maintenance of station building of Quetta, Mach, Gulistan & Chaman in Balochistan Province is as under:

Fiscal Year	Stations	Allocated fund (Rs. Million)	Utilization (Rs. Millions)	Remarks
2018-19	Quetta	9.042	1.900	Renovation of VIP Rooms and wash room for ladies and gents + renovation of platform.
2019-20	Mach	5.000	0.820	Renovation of VIP room at Mach
	Quetta		0.999	Renovation of TCR, ASM, SS and Train

				Branch office.
	Gulistan		0.999	Repair of Station Building
2020-21	Chaman		0.496	Repair of station building and wash rooms.
	Quetta	8.000	1.884	Rehabilitation of platform, shelter and foot over bridge.
	Loco Shed Quetta	105.55	78.312	i). Construction of new shed. ii). Construction of new offices, garages, workshop and warehouse.

In addition to above, improvement of passenger amenities has been carried out by providing wash room drinking water, and renovation waiting rooms at various station buildings. In addition to this, 10 Nos station buildings has been renovated/rehabilitated on Sibi Harnai-Khc Section, alongwith reconstruction/repair of 25 Nos bridges.

(Def) *Question No. 47-B **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**
(Notice Received on 29/03/2022 at 11:50 AM) QID: 39148

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Railways has recently awarded contract for replacement of Railway Track from Samma Satta to Bahawalnagar, if so;*
- (b) *the total cost of the contract, the detail of bidders participated in bid alongwith their technical and financial proposals; and*
- (c) *the detail of successful bidder(s) including name of their owner / Director who finally qualified for award of the tender?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) The Contract for Rehabilitation of Track between (Sama Satta – Bahawalnagar) on Sama Satta-Amruka Section has been awarded to M/s Frontier Work Origination. The Contract Agreement was signed on 19-03-2021.

(b) The total cost of Contract for Rehabilitation of Track between Sama Satta – Bahawalnagar awarded to M/s Frontier Work Origination is Rs.7735.000 Million.

Sixteen (16) Firms purchased the Bidding Documents but only One (01) Firm participated in the Bid. The Technical Committee comprising Team Leader/CPEC, Managing Director/Stations Up-gradation and Project Director/TR (Sama Satta – Bahawalnagar) qualified only One (01) Firm *i.e.* M/s Frontier Work Origination, who participated in Tendering Process. A copy of approved Technical Evaluation Report of Technical Bid is enclosed. (**Annexure-A**).

Detail of Firms/Purchaser of Tender Documents (who also attended pre-bid meetings) is as under:

- (1) M/s National Logistic Cell, Lahore
- (2) M/s Frontier Works Organization, Lahore

- (3) M/s Railway Construction Pakistan Limited (RAIL-COP), Lahore.
- (4) M/s Sardar Muhammad Ashraf D. Balouch (Pvt). Limited, Lahore
- (5) M/s Habib Rafiq (Pvt) Limited, Islamabad.
- (6) M/s Unique Construction Engineers & Govt. Contractors, Lahore.
- (7) M/s Sultan Mehmood & Company Engineers and Contractors, Karachi
- (8) M/s Habib Construction Services Limited, Lahore.
- (9) M/s Zahir Khan & Brothers Engineers & Constructors, Quetta
- (10) M/s Habib Rafiq Engineering (Pvt) Limited, Islamabad.
- (11) M/s China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation, Islamabad
- (12) M/s SINARA Transport Machines, Russia.
- (13) M/s China Gezhouba Group Company Limited, Islamabad.
- (14) M/s China National Machinery Imp/Exp Corporation, Karachi.
- (15) M/s NORINCO International Corporation Ltd. Beijing, China
- (16) M/s R-Industry Corporation, Russia

(c) M/s Frontier Work Origination is the successful bidder in the bid.

Annexure-A**PP-09**

Subject: - **APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL EVALUATION REPORT OF TECHNICAL BID FOR PROCUREMENT & EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT "REHABILITATION OF TRACK (SMA-BWU) ON SMA-AMK SECTION"**

Tender was floated to invite sealed bids from the National/International contractors on prescribed PEC bidding documents for the subject project on Single Stage - Two Envelop basis vide Tender Notice dated 29-09-2020 (S.No.6). The Tender Notice was published in the daily newspapers "Daily Dawn", "Daily Dunya", dated 04-10-2020 and "Daily Jung" dated 04-10-2020 & 05-10-2020 (S.No.10 to 10/3) and also appeared on Railway & PPRA websites (S.No.8 & 9).

2. A Pre-Bid Meeting was held on 20-10-2020 at 11:00 hours, in Committee Room No.1 of Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office, Lahore. Consequently, opening date of the tenders was extended upto 25-11-2020 vide Corrigendum No.1 (press clippings placed at S.No.32 to 32/1). Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting and Addendum Slip No.1 were also issued on 02-11-2020 (S.No.33). Later on, upon the request of the firms, the opening date of the tender was again extended upto 10-12-2020. Accordingly, Corrigendum No.2 was also issued on 11-11-2020 (press clippings placed at S.No.43 to 43/1).
 3. Following sixteen (16) firms purchased the bidding documents: -
 - i) M/s National Logistic Cell, Lahore.
 - ii) M/s Frontier Works Organization, Lahore.
 - iii) M/s Railway Construction Pakistan Limited (RAIL-COP), Lahore.
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 - xvi) M/s R-Industry Corporation, Russia.
 4. Out of above mentioned sixteen (16) firms, only one (01) firm i.e. M/s FWO has participated in the tendering process which was opened on 10-12-2020 at 12:30 hours in the office of CEN/S&C by XEN/TR(SMA-BWU) & Accounts Officer/Projects in the presence of representative of the firm. Attendance Sheet duly signed by XEN/TR(SMA-BWU) and AO/Projects is placed at S.No.45. Moreover, the Financial Proposal is kept sealed in the office of PD/TR(SMA-BWU) which will be opened later on.
 5. The Technical Committee comprising Team Leader CPEC & MD/STNS and the undersigned has evaluated the Technical Proposal submitted by M/s Frontier Works Organization (FWO) has found **Qualified**, the Technical Evaluation Report is placed at S. No. 46.
- In this connection, kindly approve the Technical Evaluation Report and allow to open the financial bid on 18-12-2020 of M/s Frontier Works Organization (FWO).

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5. The Technical Evaluation Committee comprising Team Leader CPEC & MD/STNS and the undersigned evaluated the Technical Proposal submitted by M/s Frontier Works Organization (FWO) found "Qualified". Technical Evaluation Report (S.No.46) approved by AGM/I vide PP-8 and also allowed to open the Financial Proposal on 18-12-2020. Result of Technical Evaluation and Schedule of opening of financial proposal was conveyed to the bidder vide letter placed at S.No.47.
6. Financial Proposal of M/s Frontier Works Organization (FWO) opened on 18-12-2020 at 11:00 hours in the presence of PD/TR(SMA-BWU), AO/Project and representative of the bidder i.e. M/s FWO, Attendance Sheet is placed at S.No.48.

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7. The summary of financial proposal is reproduced below: -

S.N	Description of Works	Amount in Million (PKR)
1	Complete Track Renewal on Main Line from Samasatta to Bahawalnagar on Samasatta-Amruka section including Replacement of Turnouts, Earthwork for Formation, Supplying & Providing Ballast, Cutting sand Dunes, Replacement of Bridge Timbers and Rehabilitation of Track at Level Crossings. (Non-Schedule Track Related Works)	8,769.830
2	Conversion of existing bridges into different sizes of RCC Box Culverts under Track Rehabilitation Project (Samasatta-Bahawalnagar) on Samasatta-Amruka section.	84.320
3	Special Repair of Bridges on SMA-BWU section under Track Rehabilitation Project (Samasatta-Bahawalnagar) on Samasatta-Amruka Section.	22.180
4	Rehabilitation of Ten (10) Station Buildings and Loco Shed at Bahawalnagar under Track Rehabilitation Project (Samasatta-Bahawalnagar) on Samasatta-Amruka section.	71.420
5	Execution of civil works on Eighty (80) Level Crossings including conversion of 23 unmanned level crossings into Class-II (manned level crossings) under Track Rehabilitation Project (Samasatta-Bahawalnagar) on Samasatta-Amruka Section.	187.250
Total =		9,135.000
Deduct Total Lum Sum Cost of P-Way Released Material Offered by the Bidder		(-) 1200.000
Total =		7,935.000
Rebate offered by M/s FWO		(-) 200.000
Net Bid Price =		7,735.000

8. Foregoing above, competent authority may kindly be approached to nominate the Tender Committee to evaluate the Financial Proposal submitted by M/s Frontier Works Organization (FWO).

~~AGM/1~~

May kindly nominate Railway Board
Tender Committee to evaluate the
Tender

~~CEO/Sr.GM~~

Above procurement includes works &
procurement of P-Way material, what
is the %age of each group/contractor
to determine the authority of
the accepting the tender and
formation of tender committee.

PD/TR(SMA-BWU)

AGM/2

19.12.2020

***Question No. 129 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 28/02/2022 at 9:35 AM) QID: 39009

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to upgrade and rehabilitate the 17km Narowal - Kartarpur rail track to facilitate Sikh and other communities visiting Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, if yes, the details thereof?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: No. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to up-grade and rehabilitate Narowal-Kartarpur rail track.

ISLAMABAD,
the 1st June, 2022

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.