

Minutes of the Pre-bid meeting regarding Printing(including paper), Binding and Packaging of Users' Manuals for Second phase of Census 2027

D-29012/003/2026Ptg(RG) (C. No. 57185)

Dated: 06-08-2026

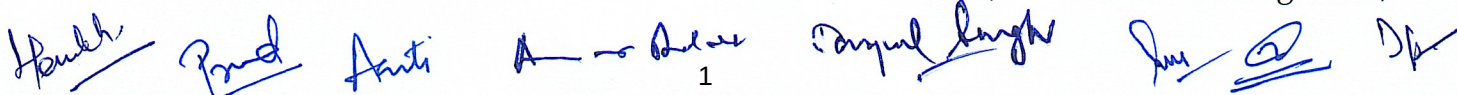
A Tender Purchase Evaluation Committee was constituted vide this office OM No. **D-29012/003/2026Ptg(RG) (C. No. 57185)** dated 25-05-2026 with the approval of the competent authority, to finalize the tender document for Printing (including paper), Binding and Packaging of Users' Manuals for Second phase of Census 2027. The composition of the Committee is as under:

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| • Shri Jaspal Singh, DRG (C&T) | Chairman |
| • Ms. V. A. Warade, DRG (Census) | Member |
| • Shri Dheeraj Jain, DRG (Budget) | Member |
| • Shri A. K. Pandey , DRG (Budget) CRS | Member |
| • Ms. Hemlata Sindhura, JD (HoO) | Member |
| • Shri Kasu Nath Soren, US (Ad-II) | Member |
| • Ms. Aarti Sharma, DD (IFU) | Member |
| • Shri Pramod Kumar Mishra, AD (Ptg) | Member Secretary |

2. As per the tender schedule, the Pre-Bid Meeting was held in the Conference Hall, ORGI, 7th Floor, 2-A, Man Singh Road, New Delhi, on 06-08-2026 at 3:00 PM to address the queries and representations submitted by the prospective bidders in respect of the above-mentioned tender. The following representatives of the prospective bidders attended the meeting:

S. No.	Name of Representative	Name of Firm
1.	Mr. Manish Hansh	Utility Forms Pvt. Ltd.
2.	Mr. S. Ranveer	Arth Bird Publication
3.	Mr. Deepak Mittal	Mittal Publication
4.	Mr. Vikash Goel	New Print India Pvt Ltd
5.	Mr. O.M. Sharma	HT Media
6.	Mr. Mohmad Saain	Quarter Fold Printable
7.	Mr. Prahalad Agrawal	Saffron Speciality Papers Ltd.
8.	Mr. Rajesh	MP Printers
9.	Mr. Anubhav	Amber Pvt. Ltd.
10.	Mr. Tushar Chhabra	Sharada Offset Printers
11.	Mr. Sunil Jain	Arihant Offset
12.	Mr. Zeeson	Wilson Green
13.	Mr. Shahid Jamal	Shree Somnath Offset

3. The meeting commenced with the introduction of the members of the Tender Purchase Evaluation Committee and the representatives of the prospective bidders. Thereafter, the salient features of the tender document were explained by the Joint Director (Printing), ORGI. The Committee informed the participants that representations received within the stipulated time from M/s Shree Somnath Offset, Gujarat; M/s Perfect Printing Solutions, Tamil Nadu; M/s G Tech Print Work, Mathura; M/s Manohar Printing Press,



Mathura; and M/s Pioneer Printers, Mathura, seeking relaxation/clarification on the eligibility criteria, technical qualification criteria, minimum average annual turnover, production capacity, finished size of the manuals, paper specifications and binding infrastructure requirements, had been examined. It was also informed that representations received after the prescribed deadline for submission of pre-bid queries had not been considered.

4. During the meeting, the prospective bidders raised various queries relating to the eligibility criteria, minimum average annual turnover, production capacity, finished size of the manuals, paper specifications, binding infrastructure requirements and the selection methodology. The Committee provided the necessary clarifications on the provisions of the tender document. After detailed deliberations on the written representations as well as the queries raised during the meeting, the Committee concluded that the existing provisions of the tender document adequately addressed the requirements of the work. Accordingly, it was decided that no modification or amendment to the tender document was warranted, and the tender conditions would remain unchanged.

5. These minutes shall form part of the tender documents and shall be uploaded on the Central Public Procurement (CPP) Portal. The clarifications contained herein shall be read in conjunction with the tender document. Since no amendment to the tender conditions has been approved, the terms and conditions of the RFP shall remain unchanged.

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



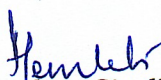
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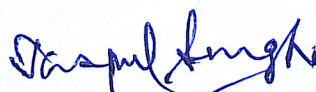
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Sl. No.	Bidder	Query / Issue	Reply of ORGI
1	Shree Somnath Offset, Ahmedabad	Relaxation of minimum average annual turnover of ₹60 crore, as the firm has average turnover of ₹48 crore and extensive Government printing experience.	Not agreed
2	Perfect Printing Solutions, Madurai	Whether ₹60 crore means average turnover of the three years or ₹60 crore in each individual year.	The average annual turnover means the aggregate turnover of the three years divided by three should be ₹60 crore or more. It is not necessary to have turnover of ₹60 crore in each individual financial year, subject to fulfilment of the other requirements.
3	G Tech Print Work, Mathura	Reduction of average annual turnover requirement from ₹60 crore.	Not agreed
4	G Tech Print Work / Manohar Printing Press / Pioneer Printers / Mudarn Mahal / KC Printers / Skylark / Singhal Agencies / Anupam Prakashan	Reduction of minimum printing capacity from 1.5 crore A4 impressions/day to 75 lakh-1 crore A4 impressions/day.	Not agreed. The requirement has been prescribed considering the large volume and stringent completion schedule of the work. The same shall remain unchanged.
5	Same bidders	Clarification on printing capacity: The bidders have referred to 1.5 crore A4 impressions/day as the production capacity requirement.	It is clarified that the requirement is 1.5 crore A4 impressions per day at the printing stage. Separately, the bidder is required to have an effective overall production capacity of at least 50,000 manuals per working day, determined on the basis of the lowest capacity among printing, folding, gathering, perfect binding, trimming and packaging.
6	G Tech Print Work / Manohar Printing Press / Pioneer Printers / Mudarn Mahal / KC Printers / Skylark / Singhal Agencies / Anupam Prakashan	Permission for finished book sizes such as 21 × 27 cm / 21 × 28 cm instead of A4.	The Users' Manuals are specifically required to be printed in A4 size .
7	Saraswati, Kolkata	Permission for finished size of 8.25 × 10.25 inches without altering content/layout.	Not agreed. The Users' Manuals are specifically required to be printed in A4 size .
8	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Acceptability of A4-equivalent market size / trimming-size tolerance.	The Users' Manuals are specifically required to be printed in A4 size. . Any permissible manufacturing tolerance, if applicable, shall be as per the approved specifications/sample and shall not alter the prescribed finished size.
9	G Tech Print Work / Manohar Printing Press / Pioneer Printers / Mudarn Mahal / KC Printers / Skylark / Singhal Agencies / Anupam Prakashan	Clarification on paper pulp/fibre composition; request to specify measurable parameters and testing under IS 1848 (Part-I):2018.	The tender already prescribes that the 80 GSM maplitho printing paper shall conform to IS 1848 (Part-I):2018, with minimum 85% brightness and 90% opacity. The paper and packaging material are also subject to testing in Government/NABL-accredited laboratories. Accordingly, no additional specification regarding pulp source/fibre composition or manufacturer's watermark is considered necessary.
10	Pioneer Printers / Mudarn Mahal / KC Printers / Skylark / Singhal Agencies / Anupam Prakashan	Request to specify pulp type, manufacturer's watermark and mandatory testing under IS 1848 (Part-I):2018.	Compliance with IS 1848 (Part-I):2018 and the prescribed brightness and opacity requirements is already mandatory. Testing shall be undertaken as prescribed in the tender. However, requirement of a particular pulp type or manufacturer's watermark is not being added to the tender.
11	G Tech Print Work / Manohar Printing Press / Pioneer Printers / Mudarn Mahal / KC Printers / Skylark / Singhal Agencies / Anupam Prakashan	Permission for manual gathering instead of automatic gathering, provided binding capacity of 50,000 books/day is demonstrated.	Not agreed. The bidder must comply with the specified in-house infrastructure requirements.
12	Arihant, Delhi	Relaxation of minimum average annual turnover and exemption from EMD for MSME.	Not agreed. The minimum average annual turnover is an essential eligibility criterion.
13	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	EMD exemption for MSE/MSME and Start-up firms.	Not agreed. No exemption from EMD is admissible to MSEs/Start-ups under this tender.
14	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Permission for Web Offset Printing.	Web offset printing is already permitted/required under the tender along with Automatic Sheet Fed Offset Machines.
15	Saraswati, Kolkata	Permission for 70 GSM paper instead of prescribed 80 GSM.	Not agreed
16	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Applicable penalty/LD and MSME relaxation.	The Liquidated Damages provision shall apply as specified in the tender. LD is 0.5% of the price of the portion of goods delivered late/poor quality for every week of delay or part thereof, subject to a maximum of 10% of the value of the delayed goods. No relaxation/exemption from the essential tender requirements is admissible to MSEs/Start-ups.
17	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Approval timelines and extension for purchaser-side delays.	The tender provides that ORGI may, in exceptional circumstances, grant a reasonable extension of time at its discretion. Any delay beyond the stipulated or extended completion period is subject to the LD provisions. No automatic extension or separate compensation is prescribed.
18	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Payment for quantity variation and procured paper.	The tender provides for variation in the quantity/pages of manuals, with payment being made proportionately according to the approved quoted rates. ORGI also reserves the right to increase/decrease the quantity up to 30% under the specified conditions. No separate reimbursement for paper procured by the bidder, over and above the quantity/payment otherwise admissible under the contract, is provided.

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19	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Inspection, testing and quality acceptance criteria.	The paper and packaging material are subject to testing in Government/NABL-accredited laboratories. The payment mechanism also requires test reports and satisfactory visual inspection. Any deviation from prescribed specifications may result in rejection/replacement at the bidder's cost and other action as per the tender.
20	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Force Majeure exemption from penalty/LD.	The Force Majeure provisions of Clause 6.9 shall apply.
21	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Payment-release timeline.	The tender prescribes the milestones/documents for release of payment, rather than a specific number of days for release. Please refer Para 6.24(xii).
22	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Applicability of all pre-bid clarifications/corrigenda to all bidders.	The clarifications/corrigenda issued by ORGI through the prescribed procurement portal shall form part of the tender documents and shall be binding on all bidders. The tender itself provides that amendments issued by ORGI shall be binding on the bidders.
23	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Acceptability of A4 equivalent market size.	The prescribed finished size is A4.
24	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Permissible trimming-size tolerance.	The finished manuals shall conform to the prescribed A4 size and approved specifications.
25	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Purchaser-side delay and consequential extension.	The tender already provides for extension of the delivery period in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of ORGI. Any such extension, if granted, will be dealt with in accordance with the applicable contractual provisions. No automatic extension/ compensation clause is being introduced.
26	Amber Pvt. Ltd.	Payment for quantity variation.	In case of variation in number of pages and/or quantity in language-wise manuals, payment shall be increased or reduced proportionately according to the approved quoted rates, as specified in Annexure-I.

Signature Not Verified

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