

Response / Clarification on Issues Raised in Pre-Bid Meeting held on 30.12.2025

| Sl. No. | Issue / Suggestion Raised | Response / Clarification |
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| 1 | Whether the amount mentioned in the para 7. 3. a) i.e. ₹2 Cr / ₹1 Cr / ₹50 lakh threshold is consultancy fee for DPR etc. or the value of conservation works executed. | The work for the amount mentioned in the para 7. 3. a) should have been executed by the Heritage Architect Firm as a Project Management Consultancy(PMC) which includes preparation of DPR, site visits, supervision and other related works. |
| 2 | Whether separate empanelment for consultancy and execution is permitted; whether consortium practice allowed | Consortium arrangements are not permitted to safeguard professional accountability. |
| 3 | Whether senior architects with long experience with limited/no conservation background are eligible | Empanelment is based on specialised heritage conservation experience, not general architectural experience alone. Eligibility conditions are uniformly applicable to all applicants to ensure technical competence in conservation works. |
| 4 | Mandatory conservation qualification in institutions; whether there would be conflict of interest if retired government officials are part of architect firm | The RFP already mandates M.Arch. (Conservation) or equivalent qualification. Retired government officials being part of firm does not automatically constitute conflict of interest, subject to compliance with conflict-of-interest and ethics clauses in the RFP. |
| 5 | Turnover relaxation; Concern regarding average turnover clause | Minimum turnover is required to ensure financial robustness and cannot be relaxed. The clause is retained to ensure minimum financial capability and sustainability of empanelled firms. |
| 6 | How donor chooses architects; how fees are fixed | Donors will select from the empanelled list based on professional suitability. Fees will be negotiated mutually, with no role of NCF in price fixation. |
| 7 | NCF to standardise consultancy fee / DPR cost | Fixing consultancy fees is not permissible under the adopted model, as it would restrict donor flexibility and professional negotiation. |