

Expression of Interest

Empanelment for Production of Oil Palm Quality Planting Materials (Indigenous / Exotic, Tenera Variety).

Introduction:

Considering the importance of Palm Oil with its increasing demand of the country and in compliance with the Vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Department of Agriculture Manipur has initiated implementation of this Central Sector Scheme of Oil Palm under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) with the constitution of a Sub-Committee Oil Palm Manipur headed by the Principal Secretary Health, Govt. of Manipur as Chairman. The implementation of the Oil Palm Project in the State was formally launched virtually by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur on 12th Nov.2020.

2. In order to test the suitability and economic viability of the crop, adaptive trials of 0.25 ha. have been conducted in 22 different locations by six District Agriculture Officers and Six KVKs including Jiribam District and 2 Private Farms in the six potential districts identified by the Assessment Committee of the Government of India. The Quality Planting Materials (QPMs) were sourced from Mizoram for the purpose conducting Trials. After completion of one year, the adaptive trials conducted as per recommended package & practices of ICAR-IIOPR have shown very good performance except in some locations where few plants damaged by wild animals and fire.

3. As prevalent in all the Oil Palm Project implementing States, in order to safeguard the interest of the farmers/growers and for the company to create a Win-Win situation the State Government has also enacted the Manipur Oil Palm (Regulation of Production, Processing & Marketing) Act 2021 by passing the Bill in the last State Assembly Session on 26th Feb. 2021 and came into force w.e.f 11th Oct. 2021.

4. Jiribam is a new District bifurcated from Imphal East District on 9th Dec.2016 for administrative convenience, having a geographical area of 33000 hectares only with an average elevation of 250 m amsl. It lies under the direct influence of south-west monsoon and rainfall is abundant in comparison to other places of the state. The annual rainfall ranging from 1400-1600 mm. The climate of this region is humid tropical characterized by short winter and long summer. The month of May records the highest temperature which is about 40°C. Jiribam is highly humid throughout the year. The highest amount of humidity occurs during Monsoon season. The maximum quantity of humidity in the district is 100% and the minimum is 79% in June and the lowest quantity falls in the months between October to December to the tune of 55-60%.The relative humidity, as a whole in Jiribam and its region, is usually higher than that of the rest of the state.

5. With the launching of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm) since August 2021, Department of Agriculture Manipur submitted Annual

Action Plan for Area expansion of 500 hectares in Jiribam District of Manipur where the State Level Standing Committee had identified potential areas of 7155 ha. where Arecanut and Coconuts which belong to the same family of Oil Palm are commercially cultivated by the farmers of the district.

6. Now, therefore, the basic requirement to start area expansion under Oil Palm is to ensure availability of Quality Planting Materials (Indigenous or Exotic Variety). For that matter Department of Agriculture, Oil Palm Mission Manipur Manipur is inviting EOI for production of Quality Planting Materials with financial Assistance from GOI.

7. Land for Raising Nurseries:

Department has owned 50 hectares of virgin land at Borobekra Block of Jiribam District where maximum potential areas have been identified for area expansion of Oil Palm, and the same can be utilised by the empanelled Agency / Company / Firm on lease without cost for certain period of time by signing Memorandum of Agreement.

8. Oil Palm Nurseries:

The Variety of Oil Palm Nurseries to be raised is Tenera, either Indigenous or Exotic. The Quality Planting Materials (QPM) available at farm gate should be 12-14 months old bearing height of 1-1.3 meter and will bear minimum 11-13 functional healthy green leaves in Poly bags of 38x45 cm. The user department will lift only the healthy Quality Planting Materials from the Nursery farm gate.

9. Financial Support:

Department will provide financial support @ Rs.50.00 lakh per Unit for production of 1.00 lakh Saplings (QPM) as provisioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of NMEO-OP.

10. Cost of Oil Palm Nursery / QPMs:

The sale rate per QPM which have fulfilled the criterias indicated at para 8 above to be delivered at the farm gate will be as per NMEO-OP Guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

Terms & Conditions
for Production of Oil Palm Quality Planting Materials.

1. Criteria of QPM of Oil Palm to be raised:

- i. Oil Palm Nursery Variety to be raised : Tenera (Indigenous or Exotic Variety.)
- ii. Height at the time of delivery : 1-1.3 meter
- iii. Poly bag container size : 38x45 cm
- iv. Nos.of Ready to plant Saplings (12-13 months old) :1.00 Lakh (One Lakh/Unit)

2. Eligibility Criteria of the Firm / Agency:

- i. FPOs/ Companies/ Societies/ Entrepreneurs/ Agripreneurs (Agency) registered under relevant Acts pertaining to the trade/business.
- ii. The Agency should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own digital signature Certificate
- iii. The Agency should possess required technical and financial strength for sourcing Sprouted Seeds of Oil Palm either from within or outside the country.
- iv. The Farm where Nurseries will be raised should be easily accessible by both heavy & light vehicles.

3. General conditions:

- i. All EOIs should accompany time line activities with deliverable status.
- ii. Modification/Amendment/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in the Newspapers, but shall be uploaded through the official website only.
- iii. The EOI inviting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

4. Technical parameters of the Agency:

- i. All EOIs must be accompanied with an experience certificate for production of Quality Planting Materials of Horticultural Crops, Fruits / Avenue Trees.
- iv. Current Valid Sales Tax/GST Certificate.
- v. CA's Audited Account Statement of the preceding year.
- vi. Copy of PAN, Aadhar, latest Income Tax Return.

5. Performance Security Deposit:

The Qualified Agency within 10 days of the receipt of work/purchase order shall be required to submit 'Performance Security Deposit' of 10% of the order value in the form of performance Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized Bank in favour of the Director of Agriculture Manipur valid till the date of completion of the order. The Bank Guarantee shall be returned on completion of the supplies of the QPM. However, if the supplier fails to execute the order or fails to perform the services as per contract, the Bank Guarantee shall be forfeited.

6. Validity of the EOI .

The validity of the EOI of the Qualified Agency shall be at least for two financial years from the date of finalization. If required, the validity may be further extended with mutual consent.

7. Delivery of consignment:

The place of delivery of the QPM will be at the Farm Gate of the Nursery Farm.

8. Payment Terms:

- i. Assistance in the form of Grant maximum of Rs.50.00 lakh will be paid per Unit of Nursery for production of 1.00 lakh QPM.
- ii. No advance payment shall be entertained in any manner. However, based on the achievement of timeline activities, the Agency can claim with supporting documents for release of fund.
- iii. Cost of saplings at the rate approved by the GOI will be paid in full after delivery of the QPMs.

9. Work Order:

After completing all the required formalities, work orders for fulfilling the purpose of this EOI will be issued within 10 days after signing an UNDERTAKING at ANNEXURE-II.

10. Laws Governing the Contract & Jurisdiction.

The contract shall be governed by laws in force in India. In the event of any dispute arising out of this EOI, such dispute would be subject to the jurisdiction of the Civil Court within the city of Imphal only.

APPLICATION FORM
(Establishment of Oil Palm Nursery at Jiribam)

Name of the Organization: : _____

Sl.No. Particulars

A. General Information:

1. Name of the Proprietor/ CEO:
2. Address with Contact details:
2. Year of establishment :
3. Experience in production of Planting Materials: Fruit Plants/ Avenue Trees etc.
 - i. No. of Nursery Farms established & Quality Planting Materials produced in last three years) : _____
4. Estimated cost of setting up Oil Palm Nursery Farm for production of one Lakh Saplings:
5. Documents to be Annexed:
 - i. Current Valid Sales Tax/GST Certificate.
 - ii. CA's Audited Account Statement of the preceding year.
 - iii. Copy of PAN, Aadhar, latest Income Tax Return.
 - iv. Time line activities with deliverable status.
 - v. Experience Certificate:

Place_____.

Date_____.

Authorised Sifnatory.

UNDERTAKING

EOI No: _____

For the purpose of _____

Sir,

1. I on behalf of (Name of Agency) having registered office at _____ do hereby declare that I have read and fully understood the terms & conditions for the purpose of production of Oil Palm Quality Planting Materials (QPMs).

2. I agree that within 10 days of the receipt of work order I shall submit 'Performance Security Deposit' of 10% of the order value in the form of performance Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized Bank in favour of the Director of Agriculture Manipur valid till the date of completion of the work order/ production of 1.00 lakh QPM.

3. I agree that the Grant/ Assistance for production of QPM will be claimed as per achievement of works based on time line with supporting documents / evidence.

4. I have understood that EOI inviting authority has the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

5. I hereby declare that there is no any Vigilance /CBI or Court case pending / contemplated against me.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature

Full Name