

MINUTES OF PRE-BID MEETING
BIHAR HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
2nd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna - 800001

Tender Title:	Short Tender for Empanelment and Supply of Quality Planting Materials (QPM), including Dragon Fruit, Kinnow, Jackfruit, Guava, Custard Apple, Aonla, Apple Ber, and other notified horticultural crops in Bihar, as approved by the Bihar Horticulture Development Society
Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	24.07.2026, 12:00 PM
Mode	Virtual /Offline
Venue:	Directorate of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, 2nd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna - 800001

A Pre-Bid meeting for Empanelment of agency for supply of Quality Planting Materials (QPM), including Dragon Fruit, Kinnow, Jackfruit, Guava, Custard Apple, Aonla, Apple Ber, and other notified horticultural crops in Bihar, as approved by the Bihar Horticulture Development Society was held on 24th July, 2026 at 12:00 PM, under the chairmanship of Mission Director, Bihar Horticulture Development Society, Patna. 1 agency participated in Offline mode while 21 agencies participated through Online mode. The details of the participating agencies are annexed below: -

1	Crynto engineering corporation	9	BPT patna	17	RK Madhu
2	Brassnk Agro Producer Company Limited	10	Pragya	18	vivo V2315
3	SS enterprises	11	GRS Bioplants Pvt Ltd	19	NACOF
4	Keshari agro	12	Rockhill Agritech Pvt Ltd	20	Ajay's Z Fold6
5	Honey kr	13	RISE N SHINE	21	Samsung SM-A266B
6	Hariyali enterprises	14	Aman	22	Jai shree hari
7	Hitech horticulture nursery	15	Fuzail CEO IshVed		
8	Sudama kumar	16	BRIGHT AGRO PATNA		



The pre bid queries submitted and responses are as listed below:

Query/Request for clarification	Section/Part of RFP and page No. clause	Response/Modification
Applicant asked whether submission of a nursery certification is mandatory, considering that they already operate a DBT-certified tissue culture laboratory?	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	Applicants possessing their own DBT certificate are exempt from submitting a nursery license. However, if an applicant procures plantlets from external sources and undertakes hardening, they must hold a valid nursery license.
The applicant sought clarification on whether all planting materials specified in the RFP are required to be tissue-cultured.	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories.	Grafted and layered planting materials will also be permitted; the requirement is not restricted solely to tissue-cultured materials.
The applicant sought clarification on whether the delivery of planting material would be made at the block level.	Page No-4, Scope of Empanelment and Supply	The Selected bidder shall ensure supply of plants at the Block level, i.e., at the Block Horticulture Office.
The applicant sought whether the DBT accreditation granted valid for all crops, or is it crop-specific?	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	The DBT certificate is not explicitly crop-specific; however, the Department of Biotechnology publishes the list of crops, that the certified agency is authorized to propagate.
The applicant sought as they are NHB Accredited Nursery, whether they have to submit DBT Certificate?	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	Submission of a DBT certificate is mandatory only for bidders producing tissue culture planting material. However, if a bidder is engaged solely in conventional propagation methods such as grafting or layering, submission of a DBT certificate is not required.
Applicant sought whether they can apply in all Crops as mentioned in RFP.	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	Bidders may apply for any of the crops specified in the RFP.

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The applicant sought clarification on whether the hardening of planting material must necessarily be carried out within Bihar?	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	Any plants raised outside Bihar must be transferred to an approved hardening site within Bihar and acclimatized for the specifically prescribed minimum period, before being dispatched.
Applicant sought what is the time line for payment?	Point No 2, Point no 13- Bid Data Sheet	"The first tranche, up to 75%, shall be released after delivery, receipt inspection, batch traceability verification, and submission of the required invoice and certificates. The second tranche, up to 15%, shall be released following survival verification and completion of supplier-attributable replacements beyond the permissible tolerance. The remaining quality retention amount, at least 10%, shall be released after 60 days or upon resolution of complaints, subject to confirmation that no quality, traceability, or default issues have been identified.
Applicant sought that since both DBT certification and NHB accreditation are involved in this RFP, how will the valuation be carried out? Will separate rates be applied for planting material produced through tissue culture as compared to that produced through conventional propagation methods such as grafting or layering?	Point No 2, Point no 13- Bid Data Sheet	We have already defined the specifications of the planting material, including its length, height, and variety. It is up to the bidder whether they produce it through tissue culture or conventional propagation methods. In either case, there will be no difference in the specification of plants supplied to farmers. Tissue culture requires greater investment during the acclimatization phase, while grafting or layering allows for the advantage of lower investment in hardening. The economics resolves itself.
The applicant sought clarification on the requirement of planting material in the first lot, as this has not been	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	BHDS will confirm the required number of planting materials for the first lot by 2 nd week of August, 2026.

Query/Request for clarification specified in the RFP.	Section/Part of RFP and page No. clause	Response/Modification
Applicant ask what is the experience asked in tender to qualify?	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	Bidders must demonstrate a minimum of two years of experience in supplying Quality Planting Material (QPM), managing nursery operations, or undertaking crop-specific production. Preference will be accorded to those who have successfully executed at least one substantial supply order for institutional, government, or large-scale clients. Nevertheless, if a bidder can furnish credible evidence of consistent quality standards and strong technical capacity, certain relaxations in these requirements may be considered. In addition, any expertise in crop production and supply will be duly recognized and taken into account during evaluation.
"The applicant sought clarification on whether a nursery owner is eligible to participate in the tender by obtaining authorization directly from a primary producer?"	Page no 6, Eligibility Conditions and Bidder Categories	"A nursery owner may be permitted to participate only with direct authorization from the primary producer, supported by stock linkage and acceptance of joint and several liability. Participation through open-market aggregation is not allowed, and no intermediary chain shall be permitted

Note: The Pre-bid meeting document shall be an integral part of the tender document.

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Bihar Horticulture Development Society

Government of Bihar

Memo No 2977

Dated 24/07/2026