

**REPLY OF GSIDC IN RESPECT OF ALLEGED ALLEGATIONS OF THE
PRESIDENT, GPCC ON ILLUMINATION OF THE ATAL SETU AND
NEWS PUBLISHED IN THE VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS ON 26/08/2019**

- GSIDC had tendered the work of “Design & Construction of Bridge across river Mandovi at Panaji including approaches on NH-17 between Pundalik Nagar Junction (Porvorim) to Mercedes Junction and awarded to the Contractor, M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd. at the negotiated amount of Rs.403.00 Crores.
- The electrical scope of the Contractor incorporated in the tender document comprises of Inspection/Testing, design, transportation, storage, erection, testing and commissioning for lighting/illumination of bridge and all the at-grade roads at Porvorim to Mercedes. However, the street light poles, fixtures and luminaries including the façade lights for pylons, cables, and crash barriers were to be supplied by GSIDC to the contractor free of cost.
- During estimation stage, the street light poles were not included in the tender, as the street light poles and fixtures for all the projects of GSIDC were supposed to be supplied through comprehensive rate contract and these street light poles and fixtures would have been supplied to Mandovi Bridge. Also, however, no such tender was finalized by GSIDC.
- The Consultant M/s. TPF Engineering Pvt. Ltd, had requested the GSIDC to include the scope of supply of street light poles and fixtures in the scope of Contractor M/s. Larsen & Toubro Limited so as to ensure smooth supply, erection and coordination chain between civil and electrical work in tune with progress of work, also there were chances of jumbling of cables or duplicating, if executed by different agencies, since the cabling work was in the scope of Contractor M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd.. The same was

approved by GSIDC Board for smooth execution of project and further maintenance of project.

- An estimate, amounting to Rs.800.12 Crores, which included Rs.45.71 Cr for Electrical works was sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) for funding and approval. The proposal with 662 nos. of decorative street light poles,662 nos. of LED street light fixtures and façade lights for pylons, cables and crash barriers of Main bridge was submitted to MORTH. However, MORTH approved only funding of Rs. 580.09Cr and the proposal of funding of electrical items was not approved by MORTH.
- Consultant had suggested the illumination scheme proposal sent to MORTH may be adopted and the same was approved by GSIDC Board.
- Accordingly, it was informed to the Consultant that, although the Board has approved the proposal in principle, the rates will be finalized as per the Contract i.e. after verification of the quotations submitted by the Consultant to Technical Advisory Committee(TAC) of GSIDC.
- Upon execution of the job, invoices of subcontractor (M/s. Fluid and Power Automations LLP) were submitted for finalization of rates to TAC; for which TAC recommended the Consultant to justify the rates based on the actual invoices from the manufacturer (M/s. Neri Lighting (India) Pvt. Ltd.).
- Meanwhile the Contactor, had submitted the bill duly certified by the Consultant amounting to Rs. 22.25Crores of which only Rs. 8.56Crores has been paid as advance as per the contract. This included façade lights, 268 Nos. of street light poles along with fixtures installed at Atal Setu.
- Also, GSIDC has sought the details of rates of all the items from the manufacturer (M/s. Neri Lighting (India) Pvt. Ltd.) which are still awaited.

- Until the Technical Advisory Committee of GSIDC finalizes the rates no further payment can be done to the Contractor.
- The allegations made by the President, GPCC are false and baseless and devoid of factual position. The project work is ongoing and GSIDC is yet to complete the same and rates are also yet to be finalized. There is no favour or undue payment made to M/s. Larsen & Toubro Limited neither any payment made in violation of any procedure. GSIDC has not appointed any sub-contractor in the matter and also not effected any payment to the sub-contractor.