



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
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**Auction Notice**

For and on behalf of the Governor of the Jammu and Kashmir, it is hereby notified for the information of public in general and the registered Minor Forest Produce (MFP) contractors in particular that auction through open bid for extraction, collection and transportation of below mentioned MFPs from the forest areas of Batote Forest Division excluding Wild Life Protected areas for the financial year 2016-17 will be conducted on **19.05-2016 at 12:00 PM** by the authorized committee in the premises of Divisional Forest Office, Batote as per detail given below:-

#	Species	Quantity (in Qntl.)	Earnest money
1	Kins ( <i>Dioscoria deltoidea</i> )	1.50	Rs. 1000/=
2	Zakhm-e-hayat ( <i>Bergenia ciliate</i> )	0.15	Rs. 500/=
3	Bankakri ( <i>Podophyllum spp.</i> )	0.50	Rs. 500/=
4	Mushkbala ( <i>Valeriana-wallichii</i> )	0.25	Rs. 500/=
5	Banafsha ( <i>Viola odorata</i> )	1.50	Rs. 1000/=
6	Guchhies (Morels)	NA	Rs. 10000/=

**The Terms and conditions of the auction notice are as under:-**

1. Only those persons who possess valid registration card issued by Forest Department can take part in auction process. Representatives of State Forest Corporation duly authorized by the Managing Director SFC are also eligible to take part.
2. The intending bidders shall have to deposit earnest money as given above in the shape of CDR from any Nationalized / Scheduled Bank of India pledged to the Divisional Forest Officer, Batote payable at the Divisional Head quarter, for the species which the bidder is interested to offer should reach in the Division Office by or before **19-05-2016 at 11:00 AM**.
3. No person shall be allowed to participate in the auction unless he / she deposit the earnest money.
4. The bid offer for all the MFP shall be per kilogram for the quantity mentioned except for guchhies which shall be in lum-sum amount without any limitation/bar on quantity.
5. As soon as the acceptance of the contract is completed and conveyed to the successful bidder, the contract shall be final and binding on him. A formal deed incorporating the terms of contract shall be executed by the successful contractor later on, failing to execute such formal deed shall not prevent the terms of contract from being enforced against him.
6. Earnest money of the successful bidder and the second highest bidder shall be retained and earnest money of rest of the bidders will be returned within a week's time after the tender proceedings are over.

7. Black listed contractors / defaulters and government debtors are not permitted to participate in the auction process.
8. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 50% of balance total value of the contract at the time of signing of the agreement and the balance 50% shall be recovered in the following installments:
  - (i) 25% on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 or issuance of 1<sup>st</sup> Form-25 whichever is earlier.
  - (ii) 25% on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 or issuance of 2<sup>nd</sup> Form-25 whichever is earlier.
9. Interest @ 9% per annum shall be charged for belated payment if any.
10. The successful bidder shall have to enter into an agreement with the Department within the seven days from the date of the sanction of contract is communicated to him. Failing to execute the agreement within the stipulated period, the Earnest Money Deposited (EMD) by the successful bidder shall be forfeited in favour of the department and the contract will be allotted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bidder. Any loss on this account shall be made good from the 1<sup>st</sup> highest bidder in terms of the arrears of the land revenue rules besides initiating action for black listing.
11. The successful bidder shall have to deposit security not less than 10% of the contract value at the time of signing of the agreement in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Divisional Forest Officer, Batote. The earnest money deposited by the successful bidder will be counted towards the security money.
12. The successful bidder in whose favour department has issued the work order will arrange to collect the MFP from the jurisdiction of Batote Forest Division under the close supervisions and monitoring of forest staff. He will store the MFP at the designated transit depot / godown. Transportation permission will be issued from these godowns only after due verification. The contractor shall intimate the Divisional Forest Officer and Range Officer concerned the exact location of his godown before storing the MFP at such places.
13. The successful bidder shall ensure that the collectors/ extractors dig out the roots of mature plants only and collection / extraction to be done strictly from those areas which have been identified and marked by the forest staff to avoid un-scientific extraction and over exploitation and extraction of immature plants.
14. The successful bidder will be responsible for compliance / observance of all terms and conditions of the agreement by himself as well as his agents.
15. All the taxes including dharat, sales tax, income tax, surcharge etc payable shall be paid by the contractor including TDS at applicable rates which will be exclusive of the bid during the year.



16. The successful bidder shall have no right to remove any other MFP or forest produce from the forests under the garb of this contract and if any such instance comes to the notice, the same shall be dealt with as per the provisions of J&K Forest Act.
17. The successful bidder is required to extract / collect MFP by following proper procedure and ensure that no soil erosion or any type of damage to existing crop may occur in the area. For which he will take technical knowhow from the Divisional Forest Officer, Batote or his front line staff. In case of any haphazard working or any damage a suitable penalty shall be imposed.
18. The successful bidder shall have to obtain transport permission under Form-25 from Forest Department (DFO concerned) as required under rules.
19. The quantity of MFP fixed for extraction shall be adhered to by the successful bidder and shall not vary from the fixed quantity, allotted.
20. The MFP extracted more than the fixed quantity shall be liable to be seized besides taking further legal action as per Forest Act against the defaulter.
21. Any extracted quantity of MFP left for transportation after 31.03.2017 shall have to be reported to the D.F.O. or the concerned Range Officer on or before 31.03.2017 and shall be got checked/weighed. No claim after this date shall be entertained and thereafter it shall be presumed that no balance stocks are left.
22. The successful bidder shall have to furnish name of laborers engaged by him for extraction of aforementioned MFPs. Proper passes / permits (Form-7) shall be issued to these laborers. No unauthorized laborers other than people living in concession zone of forests shall be allowed to extract the MFP from the forest area.
23. The authorized contractor shall arrange to collect / purchase the MFP (species) from the forests of Batote Forest Division and will not be entitled to procure the said MFP from areas other than the authorized forest areas. In case any such unauthorized act comes to the notice of department action will be taken as per law, besides seizing the said consignment of MFP.
24. In case of any natural calamity / obstructs in the extraction / transportation of aforementioned MFPs, the department shall not entertain any claim for compensation or refund of royalty amount to the successful bidder.
25. In case any dispute arises between the successful bidder and the department, the decision of Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu shall be final and binding on both parties.



26. The successful bidder on allotment of contract shall not sub-let/assign the contract or part thereof to any other agency/person.
27. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reasons thereof.
28. Any other terms condition if deemed necessary by the committee may be announced at the time of auction.

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(Zahid Aslam Moghal)  
**Divisional Forest Officer,  
Batote Forest Division,  
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Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

- 1 Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests J&K Government, Jammu for information.
- 2-3 Chief Conservator of Forests Jammu/Kashmir for information.
- 4-6 Conservators of Forests, East, West and Chenab Circle Doda for information.
- 7-9 District Development Commissioner Ramban /Doda, for information.
- 10-15 Copy to DFO Ramban / Doda / Bhaderwah / Kishtwar / Marwah, for wide publicity.
- 16 Manager Ranbir Government Press Jammu for publication in the current issue of Govt. Gazette.
- 17-18 Director Radio Kashmir/Jammu for making announcement in the All India Radio.
- 19 Joint Director Information, Jammu for publication in leading dailies Urdu, Hindi, English news papers for wide publicity.
- 20 District Information Officer, Ramban, for publication in leading dailies Urdu, Hindi, English news papers for wide publicity.
- 21 All Range Officers Batote Forest Division for information and wide publicity.
- 22 Incharge, Web site, Forest Department, for uploading in official web site of Forest Department for wide publicity.
- 23 Notice Board.

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