

**Inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) for considering the award
of Auctioneers License for conducting Auction for Indian
Cardamom**

The Board would like to commence the process of awarding the License to the Auctioneers for conducting Auction for Indian Cardamom for the block years 2014-17. Expression of Interest (EoI) is invited from prospective entrepreneurs/Auctioneers for considering the award of the license for the said block period. The details, guidelines applicable and prescribed application forms are given below. Those who are interested to participate in the process of considering the award of License as auctioneers may submit their EoI to the Director (Mktg.), Spices Board, Kochi.

I. GENERAL

1. *The EoI Submitted based on the earlier advertisement released by the Board will not be considered. Those who have submitted the EoI earlier may also submit a fresh EoI as per the new Guidelines and General terms and conditions*
2. *The envelope containing the EoI should be super scribed as “EoI for Auction License” and addressed to*

Shri. K.C Babu,
Director (Mktg)
Spices Board,
NH Bye Pass
Palarivattom P.O.
Kochi-682 025
Kerala, India
3. *The last date fixed for submitting the EoI is 15.10.2014*
4. *The EoI received before the date of notification of this advertisement and after the last date will not be considered*
5. *The submission of EoI is not a guarantee for awarding the License. License will be awarded subject to the verification of the application and documents and fulfillment of the criteria fixed for awarding the license*
6. *The Board reserves the right to incorporate additional criteria for awarding the license whichever is found necessary for the benefit of the industry.*

II. **GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF AUCTIONEER LICENCE**

The following are the Guidelines for the issue of Auctioneer License in terms of Cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) Rules 1987 as amended in 2014.

- The Board has established e-auction centers for Small cardamom at Puttady, Kerala and Bodinayakanur, Tamil Nadu. License for e-auction will be issued only to these centers.
- Manual auction centre for small cardamom can be established anywhere in India other than in the States of Kerala & Tamil Nadu.
- Manual auction centre for Large cardamom can be developed anywhere in India.
- It is the responsibility of the Auctioneer to set up the facility for conducting manual auction as per the guidelines of Spices Board.
- The applicant shall be registered under Companies Act, 1956 or Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 or the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 or a Charitable Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- The applicant for E-Auctioneer License shall produce a Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized Bank or any Bank approved by the Government and the amount of Bank Guarantee will approximately be equivalent to the average value of Cardamom sold in one auction during the previous crop season. Based on the data available on record for the crop season 2012-13, the approximate amount of Bank Guarantee would be in the range of Rs.3.00 to Rs.4.00 crore. The actual amount will be intimated to the selected applicants before submitting the prescribed application form.
- Bank Guarantee is not applicable for awarding Manual Auctioneer License.
- After verification of the EoI, the Board will schedule a pre bid discussion with the applicants for finalizing the terms and condition for the submitting the application for awarding the license.

III. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

i Fee for issue of License

The fee payable for auctioneer license is as under:

(a) Manual auction – Rs.5,000/-

(b) E-Auction – Rs.50,000/-

- ii. For conducting e-auction using Board's common facility, an auctioneer has to pay a user fee of Rs.300/- per ton of cardamom sold in an auction plus service tax as applicable.
- iii. No Manual auctioneer license will be issued in a State where the Board has established common e-auction centers,
- iv. The auctioneer shall pay the growers, whose cardamom is pooled, the applicable sale value of the cardamom sold in an auction within 10 working days from the date of the auction. If the auctioneer defaults to make payment as per the terms and conditions of the License, the Board will be entitled to invoke the Bank Guarantee and use the proceeds for arranging settlement of amount due to growers and to initiate steps for suspension and/or cancellation of the License.
- v. In the case of manual auction, if the auctioneer defaults to make payment as per the terms and conditions of the License, the Board will initiate steps against the Auctioneer including suspension and/or cancellation of the License.
- vi. The auctioneer has to provide the required facility to the satisfaction of the Board for pooling the cardamom in places convenient to the farmers. In such pooling centres, the auctioneers shall provide electronic weighing machines and moisture meters.
- vii. The auctioneer shall conduct the auction at a place and on a day and time specified by the Board.
- viii. The auctioneer shall draw 1500 grams out of each lot of cardamom offered for pooling and the quantity of sample drawn should be recorded

in the Crop Slip issued to the person whose cardamom is pooled. Of the sample drawn, 100 grams will be set aside as purchaser sample and 50 grams will be put on display at the auction centre. The remaining 1350 grams can be used by the auctioneer for distributing as samples during the bidding process of the said lot. The auctioneer shall refund the value of 1350 grams of cardamom. (from the sample drawn) Therefore, the total amount payable by the auctioneer to the person who pooled the cardamom shall be the sum of the sample refund value and the value for which the lot has been sold in an auction after deducting the eligible 1% commission on the total amount. No additional charges can be deducted in the name of wastage, weight loss, charity etc.

- ix. The auctioneer shall not charge more than one per cent of the sale price as commission for the services rendered by him.
- x.** The auctioneer shall ensure that the cardamom pooled in an auction is free from any adulteration, contamination and artificial coloring.

IV. PRESCRIBED APPLICATION FORMS

A. Application form for submitting EoI for conducting e-Auction in Indian Cardamom (Small)

Name and Address of the Applicant with Contact Person, Telephone, Mobile, E-mail etc.	
Details of previous experience, if any, in the conduct of Auctions especially for Agriculture commodities	
Specify the centre of preference	Bodinayakanur, TN Puttady, Kerala.
VAT/CST Registration	
PAN No. & TIN No.	
Service Tax registration details	
Details of warehousing facilities available for polling	Location: Nature of Building: Status of Building: Capacity
Details of cleaning facilities available	
Signature	

**B. Application form for submitting EoI for conducting Manual Auction
in Indian Cardamom (Small/Large)**

Name and Address of the Applicant with Contact Person, Telephone, Mobile, E-mail etc	
Details of previous experience, if any, in the conduct of Auctions especially for Agriculture commodities	
Please tick the crop for which EoI is submitted	Cardamom (Small) Cardamom (Large)
Specify the details of warehouses and pooling centers available/proposed	
1. Specify the State of preference 2. Specify the details of Auction centre exist/proposed	
VAT/CST Registration	
PAN No. & TIN No.	
Service Tax Registration details	
Details of warehousing facilities available for polling	Location: Nature of Building: Status of Building: Capacity
Details of cleaning facilities available	
Signature	