



Basic Details

Organisation Chain	Spices Board		
Tender Reference Number	PUB/0077/2024-Publicity		
Tender ID	2025_SB_888509_1	Withdrawal Allowed	Yes
Tender Type	Open Tender	Form of contract	Lump-sum
Tender Category	Services	No. of Covers	2
General Technical Evaluation Allowed	No	ItemWise Technical Evaluation Allowed	No
Payment Mode	Offline	Is Multi Currency Allowed For BOQ	No
Is Multi Currency Allowed For Fee	No	Allow Two Stage Bidding	No

Payment Instruments

Offline	S.No	Instrument Type
	1	Demand Draft

Cover Details, No. Of Covers - 2

Cover No	Cover	Document Type	Description
1	Fee/PreQual/Technical	.pdf	Tender Notice
2	Finance	.xls	Financial Bid

Tender Fee Details, [Total Fee in ₹ * - 0.00]

Tender Fee in ₹	0.00		
Fee Payable To	Nil	Fee Payable At	Nil
Tender Fee Exemption Allowed	No		

EMD Fee Details

EMD Amount in ₹	1,77,000	EMD Exemption Allowed	Yes
EMD Fee Type	fixed	EMD Percentage	NA
EMD Payable To	Spices Board	EMD Payable At	Spices Board

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Work /Item(s)

Title	Notice Inviting Tender for Layout and Designing, Translation and Printing Works of Spice India Magazine				
Work Description	Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India invites E - Tender from reputed printing presses with five or more years of experience for taking up lay out, designing, translation, and printing of Spice India magazines of the Board				
Pre Qualification Details	Please refer Tender documents.				
Independent External Monitor/Remarks	NA				
Show Tender Value in Public Domain	Yes				
Tender Value in ₹	88,50,000	Product Category	Miscellaneous Services	Sub category	NA
Contract Type	Tender	Bid Validity(Days)	180	Period Of Work(Days)	365
Location	Spices Board Head office Kochi	Pincode	682025	Pre Bid Meeting Place	NA
Pre Bid Meeting Address	NA	Pre Bid Meeting Date	NA	Bid Opening Place	Spices Board Head Office Kochi
Should Allow NDA Tender	No	Allow Preferential Bidder	No		

Critical Dates

Publish Date	04-Dec-2025 04:30 PM	Bid Opening Date	30-Dec-2025 10:30 AM
Document Download / Sale Start Date	04-Dec-2025 04:30 PM	Document Download / Sale End Date	26-Dec-2025 04:30 PM
Clarification Start Date	NA	Clarification End Date	NA
Bid Submission Start Date	04-Dec-2025 04:30 PM	Bid Submission End Date	26-Dec-2025 04:30 PM

Tender Documents

NIT Document	S.No	Document Name	Description	Document Size (in KB)	
	1	Tendernotice_1.pdf	Tender Notice	867.15	
Work Item Documents	S.No	Document Type	Document Name	Description	Document Size (in KB)
	1	Tender Documents	FinancialBid.xls	Financial Bid	46.00

Bid Openers List

S.No	Bid Opener Login Id	Bid Opener Name	Certificate Name
1.	vijayaraj.r@nic.in	VIJAYARAJ RATHINAVELU	R VIJAYARAJ
2.	s.sreelatha713@nic.in	SREELATHA SIVAN	SREELATHA S
3.	jsaravanan.c850@nic.in	JAISARAVANAN C	C JAISARAVANAN

GeMARPTS Details

Reason for non availability of GeMARPTS ID	Urgent nature of Procurement
Remarks	Urgent nature of work
Document Name	Letter.pdf
Document Size (in KB)	371.50

Tender Properties

Auto Tendering Process allowed	No	Show Technical bid status	Yes
Show Finance bid status	Yes	Stage to disclose Bid Details in Public Domain	Technical Bid Opening
BoQ Comparative Chart model	NIL	BoQ Compartive chart decimal places	2
BoQ Comparative Chart Rank Type	NIL	Form Based BoQ	No

TIA Undertaking

S.No	Undertaking to Order	Tender complying with Order	Reason for non compliance of Order
1	PPP-MII Order 2017	Agree	
2	MSEs Order 2012	Agree	

Tender Inviting Authority

Name	DIRECTOR MARKETING
Address	Spices Board, Sugandha Bhavan, NH BY Pass, Palarivattom PO, Kochi-682025

Tender Creator Details

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Govt. of India
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Palarivattom P.O., Cochin – 682025 Kerala
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Website: www.indianspices.com

Notice Inviting Tender for Layout & Designing, Translation and Printing Works of Spice India Magazine

Reference No: PUB/0077/2024-Publicity
Date of issue: 04th December 2025

ISSUING AUTHORITY:
For the Director (Marketing)
Spices Board India
The Assistant Director (Publicity)
Spices Board,
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(Hindi version follows)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Spices Board (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India) is the flagship organization for the development and worldwide promotion of Indian spices. The Board is an international link between the Indian exporters and the importers abroad. The Board has been spearheading activities for excellence of Indian spices, involving every segment of the industry.

Spices Board, the government regulatory and export promotion body for Indian spices, is headquartered in Kochi. Constituted in 1987 under the Spices Board Act 1986, Spices Board is vested with the responsibility of production and development of small and large cardamom and export promotion of 53 scheduled spices.

The multifaceted activities of Spices Board include export promotion, research, development, and regulation of domestic marketing of Small & Large Cardamom, post-harvest improvement of all spices, promotion of organic production, processing and certification of spices, development of spices in the North East, quality evaluation services, etc. The Board supports spice export promotion through different schemes viz. trade promotion, brand promotion, research & product development etc. The Board participates in major international exhibitions to promote Indian spices and value-added spice products in the world market.

Production of promotional and educative materials in a variety of media for the benefit of exporters and importers is one of the major activities of Spices Board. The Board publishes Spice India Magazine in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi as monthly. Various reports, booklets, brochures, etc., are also published by the Board for the benefit of the Spices Industry.

2. TENDER NOTICE

Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India invites E - Tender from reputed printing presses with five or more years of experience for taking up lay out, designing, translation, and printing of 'Spice India' magazines of the Board.

The tender document with details of technical requirements along with terms and conditions is available on the Central Public Procurement Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in), Spices Board's Website (www.indianspices.com), and Government e Marketplace (GeM) (<https://gem.gov.in/>). The tenders must be submitted online via Central Public Procurement Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in).

Last date for submission of the bids online via Central Public Procurement Portal website is 05.00 pm on **26 December 2025**. All bids must be submitted online along with all necessary documents uploaded in PDF format, as per the specifications and terms and conditions outlined in the tender document.

The bid is required to be submitted online in two separate parts, i.e., technical bid and financial bid. Demand draft drawn for payment of EMD may be sent to 'Assistant Director (Publicity), Spices Board, Sugandha Bhavan, NH Bypass, Palarivattom, Kochi - 682025', so as to reach **before 29th December 2025, 05.00 pm**. The documents should be placed in a single envelope superscribing '**E-tender for Layout & Designing, Translation and Printing Works of Spice India Magazine.**' Any mention about the financial bid along with the supporting documents submitted shall invariably result in rejection of the bid.

The technical bid will be opened at 10.30 AM **on 30th December 2025** at Spices Board Head Office. The financial bids of vendors whose technical bids get qualified would be opened later and will be notified to the qualified vendors only.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

Spices Board invites e - tender from reputed printing presses with five or more years of experience for taking up lay out, designing, translation and printing of Spice India magazines of Spices Board.

3.1 Details of the Publication:

Spice India Magazine in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi as monthly.

Specification

- i. Size: 21X28 CM/ I/4th Demi with Print Area 17.5 CM X 21.5 CM
- ii. *Paper: Inside – 90 GSM art paper, Cover page: 100 GSM art paper
- iii. Multi-colour print
- iv. Binding: Centre stapling
- v. No of pages: 32 (Minimum)- 44 (Maximum), but can vary depending on each issue

****Subject to change as per requirement and availability. The order of preference is art paper followed by matte paper, and Maplitho paper.***

3.2 Format of Spice India Magazines

- Languages & Periodicity: English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi as monthly
- Size: 21X 28 CM / Demi 1/4th with print area: 17.5cm x 21.5cm.
- Any additions like two and three-fold gate cover during the contract period shall also be considered.
- The contents for each issue of Spice India in English, will be provided in PDF/ .docx format. The printer/ agency should take care of composing, layout and design, and translation into Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi in consultation with the Chief Editor/ Editor. The printer undertaking the printing of Spice India journals shall arrange transport and delivery of the journals at the Kochi PSO, at Chittoor Road, Ernakulam on the under mentioned posting dates.

Dates of Posting*

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Spice India English | : | 19 th of every month |
| 2. Spice India Malayalam | : | 20 th of every month |
| 3. Spice India Kannada | : | 29 th of every month |
| 4. Spice India Tamil | : | 29 th of every month |
| 5. Spice India Hindi | : | 27 th of every month |

***The posting dates will be changed according to the convenience of Indian Postal Authorities and the contracted printing press shall have to accept the changes**

3.2.1 The following arrangements may be made by the printers in connection with the despatch of the journals every month.

- The addresses of subscribers' will be mailed on 10th of every month and printer should be in contact with the Editor of the Board on specified dates.

- The addressed envelope with the journals inserted shall be bundled in order of cities and PSO's mentioned in the address.
- Number of journals in a particular bundle and the name of the P S O may be noted in a slip and it may be displayed on the top of the bundles. (*e.g.*: Thiruvananthapuram PSO - 100 numbers)
- On the previous day of posting journal, based on the address list given, the number of copies to be posted may be intimated to the Editor of the Board. Following that, postal invoice issued in triplicate from the Editor shall be collected by the printer, for handing over to the PSO, regularly without fail.
- On the posting day of the journal the entire bundles shall be transported and delivered at the Kochi PSO, in Chittoor Road, Ernakulam.
- After delivery, the signed duplicate copy of the postal invoice issued by the PSO may be submitted to the Editor of the Board without fail.
- Posting of the journal may be done by the printer even on Saturdays. If the postal date falls on Sundays or other general holidays, the journals may be posted on the very next working day at the PSO.
- Any delay in the process, which would cause additional postal charges, will be considered as lapse from the part of the printer and additional charges shall be recovered from the printer.
- It would be necessary to show sample / proof of each item before the same is printed and approval of Spices Board in writing / email should be obtained before final printing.

4. PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT

The printing work specified shall be operational for an initial period of 1 (one) year which might be extended on satisfactory performance of the agency and if mutually agreed for an additional period of two years with the same terms and conditions.

5. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Agency/ Firms/ Companies should fulfil the following criteria:

1. The bidder shall be a reputed printer (herein after referred as "Vendor") having minimum financial turnover of Rs. 50 (Fifty) lakh and above in a single year, during the last three years (FY 2021-22, 2022-23, & 2023-24) from printing and publication of books and magazines at their own press.
2. The vendor should have minimum five years' experience in printing and delivery of publications at their own press
3. The vendor should have executed at least three (3) work orders related to printing of Government/PSU or other regular private magazines for more than 1500 copies in the last three years at their own press.
4. The vendor should have valid GST registration

5. The vendor should have experience in printing and delivery of publications to Union/ State Government/ PSUs/ Private Enterprises, etc., on various social / service and business meet and should submit documents in proof of the same
6. The bidder should not have been blacklisted/de-registered previously by any government organisation. An undertaking to this effect to be submitted on the letter head of the firm/agency.

S.No	Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Document Required
1	The vendor shall be a single entity, registered as a Company, Firm or Society under respective acts in India and should have been in existence in India for more than Five years	Company Incorporation Certificate or Registration Certification from ROC/ Partnership Deed, etc.
2	The vendor must be registered in India with appropriate tax and other administrative authorities	GST Registration and PAN Card
3	The vendor shall have a minimum business turnover financial turnover of Rs.50 lakh and above in a single year, during the last three years (FY 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) from printing and publishing of books and magazines at their own press	1. Audited Balance Sheets for the years mentioned 2. P&L Statements for the years mentioned 3. IT Returns for the years mentioned
4	The vendor should have executed at least three work orders for printing more than 1500 copies of magazines in last three years at the bidders' own press.	Work Order copy required / Samples to be submitted
5	The vendor shall submit an Earnest Money Deposit of Rs.177000/-(Rupees One Lakh and Seventy-Seven Thousand only) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of 'Secretary, Spices Board' along with the Technical Bid Proposal and the same shall be valid for 60 days from the date of submission of the bid. It shall be returned after the finalization of the successful vendor	Demand draft drawn in favour of the 'Secretary, Spices Board' payable at Cochin/ or remitted to Account Number - 7176002100002354 Account Name - Spices Board Receipt Bank Name - Punjab National Bank Branch - Vennala, Kochi IFS Code - PUNB0717600

6	The vendor should have experience with and proof for printing and delivery of publications to Union/ State government / PSUs/ Private Enterprises, etc.	Work Order copy required.
7	The bidder should not have been blacklisted/de-registered previously by any government organisation	An undertaking to this effect on the letter head of the firm/ agency
8	Experience of the key staff and production capacity in multicolour printing	Brief note on the experience of key staff and their profile to be attached A note on the multicolour printing capacity with details of machines and equipment for pre-press, press and post press works should be given.

6. DOCUMENTS COMPRISING BID

The Bid proposal prepared and submitted by the vendor shall comprise the following;

1. Bid Consent letter in letterhead of the vendor/ firm with duly signed copy of the tender.
2. Bid submission form (Annexure I)
3. Vendor profile with information of the technology/ machinery used, etc., & profile of key staff
4. Undertaking in the prescribed format (Annexure II)
5. Documentary Proof and or work order copy for meeting Minimum Eligibility Criteria
6. Copy of Registration/ Certificate of Incorporation
7. Copy of PAN
8. Copy of GST Registration
9. Copy of audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account of the last 3 years (FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24)
10. Copy of IT returns for the last Three assessment years and certificate from the chartered accountant of the firm.
11. Earnest Money Deposit as specified in point 5 of the eligibility criteria.

7.SUBMISSION OF BIDS

The tender shall be submitted online through Central Public Procurement portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) in two-cover system duly scanned and digitally signed by the authorized representative of the vendor as follows:

7.1. Technical Bid (Cover - 1)

- a. The vendor has to digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicated in the tender document.
- b. The technical bid cover should include the details sought in the statement at Annexure 1, along with copies of all supporting documents mentioned therein.
- c. The vendor or his authorized representative shall sign and upload all the documents, owning responsibility for their correctness / authenticity and submit declaration in respect of acceptance of terms and conditions of tender document.
- d. The vendors are cautioned that divulging any financial information in cover-1 (Technical bid) will result in rejection of their tender.
- e. Documents submitted online through the Central Public Procurement portal will be treated as final and considered for tender evaluation.

7.2. Financial Bid (Cover - 2)

- a. The respective Cover- 2, i.e. financial bid of only the technically qualified offers (those who meet the minimum eligibility criteria successfully) will be opened. The financial bid shall be submitted in the given format, only online through Central Public Procurement portal (www.eprocure.gov.in). No financial information should be submitted at any time in print during the tender process. Any such instance will make the bid unresponsive.
- b. The vendors who do not submit the technical bid (cover 1) within the stipulated date and time will be treated unresponsive.
- c. If the bids are not submitted as per the requirements prescribed by the Board, the bid will summarily be rejected.

7.3. Amendment of Tender Documents

1. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Tender, Spices Board may, for any reason, modify the tender document by corrigendum / addendum.
2. The corrigendum / addendum shall be published in Spices Board's website (www.indianspices.com), Central Public Procurement portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) and GeM (<https://gem.gov.in/>) .
3. The bidder shall submit a copy of duly signed corrigendum / addendum published if any, as part of the technical bid as a proof of having read and accepted the terms and conditions of the tender document.
4. Spices Board reserves the right to accept a tender in full or in part or to reject without assigning any reasons thereof at any stage.

7.4. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)

1. Each technical Bid must be accompanied by an EMD of Rs.1,77,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand only) in the form of Demand Draft from any nationalized bank, drawn in the favour of the 'Secretary, Spices Board, Cochin/ or should be remitted to

Account Number - 7176002100002354

Account Name - Spices Board Receipt

Bank Name - Punjab National Bank

Branch - Vennala, Kochi

IFS Code - PUNB0717600

Proof of payment of EMD should be enclosed along with the technical bid

2. Technical bid without EMD will be rejected unless specifically exempted by the Government from payment of EMD for which reasons and proof must be enclosed.
3. EMD of the unsuccessful vendors will be refunded (without any interest)
4. EMD amount of the successful vendor will be refunded (without any interest) within 45 days after acceptance of work order and submission of the performance guarantee, as applicable,
5. EMD will be forfeited if the vendor withdraws or amends its tender or derogates from the tender in any respect within the period of validity of its tender.
6. EMD shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, along with the hard copy of the tender to reach the following address on or before closing time of the tender,

The Assistant Director (Publicity Department)
Spices Board
Sugandha Bhavan
NH Bye Pass, Palarivattom
Cochin
Kerala-682025

7. MSEs interested in availing EMD exemption must enclose the Udhyam Registration Certificate with the Udhyam Registration Number as proof of their being MSE registered on the Udhyam Registration Portal. However, they shall submit a bid security declaration as given in Annexure: III

8. A vendor can submit only one proposal. If a vendor submits more than one proposal, such proposals shall be disqualified. Bids received after the closing date and time mentioned above will be rejected without any further communication on the matter.

8. EVALUATION OF BIDS

A Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC), constituted by Spices Board, will carry out a detailed evaluation of the Technical Bids in order to determine if the same are substantially responsive to the minimum eligibility prescribed.

8.1. Technical Evaluation Criteria

Prior to the detailed evaluation of the Technical Bids, Spices Board shall determine whether each bid is complete in all respect, accompanied by the required information and documents and substantially responsive to the requirements set forth in the tender document.

1. Tenders received by the designated date and time will be examined by SPICES BOARD to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria and accept terms and conditions mentioned in this document including its subsequent amendment(s), if any, and whether tenders are complete in all respects.
2. On scrutiny, the tenders found illegible/not in desired format/incomplete/not containing clear information, will not be considered for further evaluation process.

3. If deemed necessary, Spices Board may seek clarifications on any aspect of tender from the bidder. If a written response is requested, it must be provided within 3 (three) days. Response received beyond 3 (three) days, if any, will not be considered. However, that would not entitle the applicant to change or cause any change in the substances of their tender document already submitted. Spices Board will also make enquiries to establish the past performance of the applicants in respect of similar projects. All information submitted in the application or obtained subsequently will be treated as confidential.
4. The final selection shall be based on the financial parameter. However, evaluation of technical bids will be done to find out the bids that are complete, technically responsive, and qualify all the prescribed technical eligibility criteria.

8.2 Financial Bid Format

Lot 1A: Multi colour printing of Spice India Magazines in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi as monthly for Glossy - 90 GSM art paper for inner text paper and 100 GSM art paper for cover page with 32 pages

Full Page: 21.5cm (H) x 15.5cm (W)

Bleed: 27.5 cm (H) x 19cm (W)

Sl No	Item	Cost in INR
a	First 1000 copies (28 +4 =32 pages) (Inclusive of GST)	
b	Printing of Mysore kraft paper cover for single magazine (Inclusive of GST)	
c	Packing + Stamping and Forwarding / Despatch Charges/ per copy (Inclusive of GST)	
d	Any other expenses (Inclusive of GST)	
e	Rate for additional pages (per 4 pages)/ (Inclusive of GST)	
	Total (A)*	

$$*A = a + (b \times 1000) + (c \times 1000) + d$$

Lot 1B: Mutlti colour Printing of Spice India Magazines in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi as monthly for Glossy - 90 GSM Matte paper for inner text paper and 100 GSM Matte paper for cover page with 32 pages

Full Page : 21.5cm (H) x 15.5cm (W)

Bleed : 27.5 cm (H) x 19cm (W)

Sl No	Item	Cost in INR (Incl. GST)
a	First 1000 copies (28 +4 =32 pages) (Inclusive of GST)	
b	Printing of Mysore kraft paper cover for single magazine (Inclusive of GST)	

c	Packing + Stamping and Forwarding / Despatch Charges/ per copy (Inclusive of GST)	
d	Any other expenses (Inclusive of GST)	
e	Rate for additional pages (per 4 pages)/ (Inclusive of GST)	
	Total (B)*	

$$*B = a + (b \times 1000) + (c \times 1000) + d$$

Lot 1C: Multi colour printing of Spice India Magazines in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi as monthly for Glossy - 90 GSM Maplitho paper for inner text paper and 100 GSM Maplitho paper for cover page with 32 pages

Full Page : 21.5cm (H) x 15.5cm (W)

Bleed : 27.5 cm (H) x 19cm (W)

Sl No	Item	Cost in INR (Incl. GST)
a	First 1000 copies (28 +4 =32 pages) (Inclusive of GST)	
b	Printing of Mysore kraft paper cover for single magazine (Inclusive of GST)	
c	Packing + Stamping and Forwarding / Despatch Charges/ per copy (Inclusive of GST)	
d	Any other expenses (Inclusive of GST)	
e	Rate for additional pages (per 4 pages)/ (Inclusive of GST)	
	Total (C)*	

$$*C = a + (b \times 1000) + (c \times 1000) + d$$

LOT 2: Translation and Composing Charges: For each language with layout and design with the given photos and illustrations, etc. for a unit of 32 pages,

Sl No	Composing & Translation charges language wise	Composing & Translation charges for a unit of 32 pages inclusive of GST	Charge for additional Page (per 4 pages) inclusive of GST
	a	b	c
1	English (Composing Charges only)		
2	Hindi (Translation & Composing)		

3	Malayalam (Translation & Composing)		
4	Tamil (Translation & Composing)		
5	Kannada (Translation & Composing)		
	Total (D)*		

$$*D=1b+2b+3b+4b+5b$$

Total Quoted Price for Printing, Translation & Composing of Spice India magazine in five languages

Sl No	Item Description	Cost in INR inclusive of GST for one month	Cost for 12 months in INR inclusive of GST
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Lot 1(A)- Printing charges*	Total A x 5	Total A x 5 x 12
2	Lot 2 (D) -Translation and Composing charges**	Total D	Total D x 12
	Grand Total (3)		
	(Amount in words)		

$$(*\text{Lot1A (A)} = a+(bx1000) +(cx1000) +d; **\text{Lot 2(D)} = 1b+2b+3b+4b+5b)$$

Grand total given in column 3 will be considered for financial evaluation

8.3 There should be no mention of prices in any part of the bid other than the commercial bid online.

8.4. In the financial bid, if there is any discrepancy between the prices mentioned in figures and in words, the prices mentioned in words will prevail.

8.5. Substantially Responsive Bids: A substantially responsive bid is one, which conforms to all the requirements, terms, conditions and specifications of the tender

8.6. Any attempt by a vendor to influence the bidding evaluation process or the Tender Evaluation Committee's processing of bids or award of decisions will result in the rejection of the bid.

8.7. The Tender Evaluation Committee may choose to conduct technical negotiation or discussion with any or all the Bidders. The decision of the Evaluation Committee in the evaluation of the Technical and Commercial bids shall be final and binding on all the parties.

8.8. Failure of the bidder to agree with the Terms and Conditions of the Tender/Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award of contract, in which event the contract may be awarded to the next most responsive bidder.

8.9. **Award of Contract:** The selection will be made on the basis of the lowest quoted bidder (L1). Combined cost of printing, and composing and translation charges i.e., Lot 1A+ Lot 2 which is total of A+D will be considered to determine the lowest and the work will be awarded to the lowest responsive tender. However, in case of exigencies, the bidder should supply materials mentioned in lot 1B and lot 1C at the rates quoted by him.

8.10. Any legal dispute arising out of this will be subject to the jurisdiction of courts in Ernakulam only.

9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Submission of a TENDER is evidence of a Bidder's consent to comply with the terms and conditions of request for TENDER process and subsequent bidding process. If a Bidder fails to comply with any of the terms, the bid may be summarily rejected.

9.2 Wilful misrepresentation of any fact in the tender will lead to the disqualification of the bidder without prejudice to other actions that Spices Board may take.

9.3 Spices Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders received without assigning any reason therefore whatsoever and Spices Board's decision in this regard will be final.

9.4 The bidder is required to submit its full profile giving details about organization, experience, technical personnel in the organization, competence, and adequate evidence of its financial standing etc. in the enclosed form which will be kept confidential.

9.5 No contractual obligation whatsoever shall arise from mere participation in the tender process.

9.6 Any effort on the part of bidder to influence evaluation process may result in rejection of the tender.

9.7 Spices Board is not responsible for non-receipt of tenders within the specified date and time due to any reason including postal delays or holidays in between.

9.8 Spices Board reserves the right to verify the validity of information provided in the tenders and to reject any bid where the contents appear to be incorrect, inaccurate, or inappropriate at any time during the process of tender or even after empanelment or after award of work.

9.9 Bidders shall be deemed to have:

- a) examined the tender document and its subsequent changes/corrigendum, if any for the purpose of responding to it.
- b) examined all circumstances and contingencies, having an effect on their tender application and which is obtainable by the making of reasonable enquiries and satisfied themselves as to the correctness and sufficiency of their tender applications and if any discrepancy, error or

omission is noticed in the tender, the Bidder shall notify Spices Board in writing on or before the last date/time of submission of the bid.

9.10 The bidder shall bear all costs associated with submission of tender/ presentation desired by Spices Board etc. Spices Board will not be responsible or liable for any cost thereof, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the process.

9.11 Bidders must advise Spices Board immediately in writing of any material change to the information contained in the tender application, including any substantial change in their ownership or their financial or technical capacity. Copies of relevant documents must be submitted with their advices.

9.12 Bidders shortlisted must not advertise/publicize in any form (without prior written permission from Spices Board) about their firm having been shortlisted / selected by Spices Board.

9.13 Evaluation of the submitted bids will be based on documents provided. Technically qualified bidders will be selected and financial bid will be evaluated only for the technically qualified bidders.

9.14 In case the Board requires additional copies of any magazine beyond the quantity originally specified in the tender or purchase order, the Contractor/Supplier shall supply such additional copies upon written request. The cost of providing additional copies upto 250 copies shall be calculated strictly on a pro-rata basis, applying the same rate(s) quoted by the bidder in the tender for the originally required quantity. The bidder shall not impose any additional charges, conditions, or minimum quantity requirements beyond the pro-rata rate derived from the original quoted price.

9.15 Spices Board may re-visit any of the conditions of this tender.

9.16 Spices Board shall have the right to cancel the tendering process at any time, without thereby incurring any liabilities to the affected bidders. Reasons for cancellation, as determined by Spices Board in its sole discretion may include but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Services contemplated are no longer required
- b. Scope of work not adequately or clearly defined due to unforeseen circumstances and/or factors and/or new developments
- c. The project is not in the best interest of Spices Board
- d. Any other reason

9.17 For any queries/ details required, the bidders/ vendors may contact the Publicity Department of Spices Board between 9.00 AM and 5.30 PM on the working days, i.e., Monday to Friday.

9.18 The copyright of the publication is with the Spices Board. No matter including designs, photo etc. shall be used by the successful bidder in any manner.

9.19 No request for increase in price shall be entertained during this period except on account of increase in statutory duties, taxes, etc., if imposed by the Government of India/concerned Government;

9.20 The tender should be submitted neatly and all corrections, over-typing should be attested with seal and full signature. Unsigned Bids are liable to be rejected.

9.21 Corrections, if any, in the documents submitted should be duly authenticated with full signature of the authorized signatory, failing which such Bids are liable to be rejected.

10. SUPPORT/ PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO MICRO & SMALL ENTERPRISES (MSEs)

Policies of the Government to support Micro and Small Industries in comparison to non-MSE enterprises shall apply to this procurement.

1. MSEs interested in availing such benefits must enclose the Udhyam Registration Certificate with the Udhyam Registration Number as proof of their being MSE registered on the Udhyam Registration Portal. The certificate shall be of latest but before the deadline for the bid submission. MSEs shall be exempted from payment of Earnest Money. However, they shall submit a **bid security declaration** as given in Annexure: III
2. Since the work is not divisible by virtue of its nature, purchase preference shall not be given to MSEs i.e., if an MSE bidder quotes a price within the band of the lowest (L-1) +15 percent in a situation where the L-1 price is quoted by someone other than an MSE, the MSE bidders are not eligible for being awarded up to 25 percent of the total quantity if they agree to match the L-1 price. However, the MSE quoting within the band of L1+15% will be considered for award of the work, provided they meet all the technical eligibility criteria.

11. PAYMENT TERMS

Payment will be made to the printer on submission of bills in original after completion of the printing work at the right time along with the satisfactory report by the Editor. Bill may be submitted along with GST number, TIN number, and Bank details such as current / saving account, Account Number, IFSC Code, Branch and Bank Name for arranging payment.

All payment will be made to the bank account of the vendor. No advance payment would be made at any cost. TDS and other taxes, if applicable, would be deducted from the bills of the agency as per laws in force.

All the payments will be based on the actual printing charges.

For the Printing of Spice India Magazines, the payment will be for the actual printing.

No of pages vary from 32,40,48,56,64, etc., in the multiples of four.

In case the Board requires additional copies of any magazine beyond the quantity originally specified in the tender or purchase order, the Contractor/Supplier shall supply such additional copies upon written request. The cost of providing additional copies upto 250 copies shall be calculated strictly on a pro-rata basis, applying the same rate(s) quoted by the bidder in the tender for the originally required quantity. The bidder shall not impose any additional charges, conditions, or minimum quantity requirements beyond the pro-rata rate derived from the original quoted price.

12. DISCLAIMER

Spices Board is not committed either contractually or in any other way to the bidders whose bids are accepted. The issue of this tender notice does not commit or otherwise oblige Spices Board to proceed with any part or steps of the process. Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, Spices Board and its employees disclaim all liabilities (including liability by reason of negligence) from any loss or damage, cost or expense incurred or arising by reasons of any person using the information and whether caused by reasons of any error, omission or misrepresentation in the information contained in this document or suffered by any person acting or refraining from acting because of any information contained in this request for tender or conduct ancillary to it whether or not the loss or damage arises in connection with any omission, default, lack of care or misrepresentation on the part of Spices Board or any of its officers.

13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Purchaser and the supplier shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the contract. Any resolved dispute shall be referred to the Secretary, Spices Board for a decision.

14. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

This contract, including all matters connected with this contract, shall be governed by the India laws, both substantive and procedural, for the time being in force and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam.

15. IMPORTANT DATES OF TENDER

Sl No	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of Online Publication/ download of Tender document	4 th December 2025	04.30 pm
2	Bid submission start date	4 th December 2025	04.30 pm
3	Bid submission close date	26 th December 2025	04.30 pm
4	Closing date and time for submission of original EMD	29 th December 2025	05.00 pm
5	Opening of Technical Bids	30 th December 2025	10.30 am

15. ANNEXURE I – BID SUBMISSION FORM

Sr. No.	Items	Bidder's Response						
1	Basic Information							
	a) Name of the organization							
	b) Registered office address							
	c) Office address at Ernakulam/Cochin if any							
2	a) Name of contact person							
	b) Phone no. of contact person							
	c) Email address of contact person							
	d) Website of the organization, if any							
	e) Year of commencement of business							
	f) PAN							
	g) Service tax registration No. /GST No.							
3	* Details of advanced technology used/ Machinery used.							
4	Annual turnover during past three assessment years	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Average of last three years			
5	*List of Similar works completed.							
	Sr. No.	Name of work and location	Nature of work involved in the contract**	Name and addresses of client	Name of the official from the client's Side (with phone no.)	Contract Amount	Period of the contract	Any other relevant information
**Please specify, whether Central Govt./Semi Govt./ Public Sector Undertaking/Autonomous, and official online link, if any.								

*Use additional sheets if required.

16. ANNEXURE II- UNDERTAKING

I/We (Name)_____ (designation) _____ of (Firm) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the individual/ firm/company is not blacklisted by any Government Department / Autonomous body / Private Organization. Further, no litigation enquiry is pending and / or initiated by any Government Department /Autonomous body / Private Organization or Court of Law.

I/We (Name) _____ (Designation _____ of
(Name of the Agency / Firm / Company) _____ have read and understood and hereby accept the terms and conditions of the Tender for taking up designing, translation and printing of Spice India magazines and various other publications of the Board.

(Signature of the authorized representative)

Full Name:

Designation:

Name and Address of the vendor:

Seal:

Place:

Date:

17.ANNEXURE: III**Bid Securing Declaration**
(on Company Letter-head)

Bidder's Name _____
 [Address and Contact Details]

Bidder's Reference No. _____ Date.....

To
 The Secretary
 Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 Government of India
 Sugandha Bhavan
 Palarivattom PO
 Cochin -25

Ref: Tender Document No. Tend No./ xxxx

Sir/ Madam

We, the undersigned, solemnly declare that:

We understand that according to the conditions of this Tender Document, the bid must be supported by a Bid Securing Declaration in lieu of Bid Security.

We unconditionally accept the conditions of this Bid Securing Declaration. We understand we shall stand automatically suspended from being eligible for bidding in any tender in Procuring Organisation for 2 years from the date of opening of this bid if we breach our obligation(s) under the tender conditions if we:

- 1) withdraw/ amend/ impair/ derogate, in any respect, from our bid, within the bid validity; or
- 2) being notified within the bid validity of the acceptance of our bid by the Procuring Entity:
 - (a) refused to or failed to produce the original documents for scrutiny or the required Performance Security within the stipulated time under the conditions of the Tender Document.
 - (b) Fail or refuse to sign the contract.

We know that this bid-Securing Declaration shall expire if the contract is not awarded to us, upon:

- 1) receipt by us of your notification
 - (a) of cancellation of the entire tender process or rejection of all bids or
 - (b) of the name of the successful bidder or
- 2) forty-five days after the expiration of bid validity any extension to it.

(Signature with date)

.....

(Name and designation)

Duly authorized to sign bid for and on behalf of.....

[name & address of Bidder and seal of company]

Dated on day of [insert date of signing]

Place.....[insert place of signing]

DA:..... 22