

**Approved Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting of Central Silk Board held on
31.03.2021 at 1.00 PM in New Delhi**

The Standing Committee meeting of the Central Silk Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Sharan, Joint Secretary (Silk), MOT and Vice Chairman, Central Silk Board on 31.03.2021 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman as per provisions of Rule 24(1) of the Central Silk Board Rules, 1955 vide approval of Secretary (Textiles), MOT communicated to CSB by Ministry's Letter No.25011/04/2021/Silk dated 11.3.2021. Shri R.R. Okhandiar, Member Secretary, Central Silk Board and Member Convener welcomed the Chairman and the members of the Standing Committee. The following members and invitee were present in the meeting :

1. Shri Sanjay Sharan, Joint Secretary(Silk), MOT & Vice Chairman, CSB
2. Dr. Shakuntala Devi, Chief Controller of Accounts, MOT, New Delhi
3. Shri Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar, Member Secretary, CSB, Bengaluru
4. Shri D.K. Suresh, MP & Hon'ble Member
5. Shri H.K. Nanda, Director(Silk), MOT & Invitee
6. Dr. Subhas V Naik, Director, CSTRI, CSB, Bengaluru- Invitee

The agenda items were placed for discussion and following decisions taken:

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting of the Central Silk Board held on 11.03.2020 at New Delhi

Since no comments were received from any member of the Standing Committee, the minutes of the meeting held on 11.3.2020 were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Follow up action on the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting of the Board held on 11.03.2020 at New Delhi.

The Committee took note of the follow up action on the decision taken in the last standing Committee meeting held on 11.3.2020 at New Delhi.

Item No. 3: Consideration of the proposal requiring prior sanction of the Standing Committee.

Shri R.R. Okhandiar, Member Secretary, CSB informed to the committee that there are three proposals which require prior sanction of the Standing Committee. These are:

- I. **Seeking ratification for the approval conveyed for engagement of 12 Security Guards at CSR&TI, Mysuru through outsourcing:**

Shri Sanjay Sharan, Joint Secretary(Silk), MOT and Vice Chairman, CSB enquired whether the procurement made through open tender process or through GeM. The

Member Secretary, CSB clarified that the procurement made through GeM only by following all procedures. The Committee approved the proposal.

II. Procurement of Universal Tensile Testing Machine for the R&D activities of CSTRI, CSB, Bengaluru and providing testing services to textile industries:

a. Shri Sanjay Sharan, Joint Secretary(Silk), MOT and Vice Chairman, CSB wanted to know the use of the item and enquired whether the item is Indian manufactured and more than one party have participated in tender. He further enquired if the item is not a part of other equipment viz., Microwave Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometer.

b. Dr. S.V. Naik, Director, CSTRI informed that the equipment is required for testing the strength and elongation of yarn. The machine is useful for both R&D and commercial purposes. The machine will be kept in the NABL accredited CSTRI Testing Lab in Bengaluru for conducting centralized advance research and testing activities. It was clarified that it is not part of any other testing equipment and the equipment can be used stand alone mode and independently. All the GFR guidelines have been followed and tender was invited through e-procurement and wide publicity given through newspaper advertisement. Total nine firms/party have participated in the tender of which, two have fulfilled all the technical conditions stipulated in the tender document. Accordingly, the financial bids of the said two technically responsive firm was opened and the L-1 have quoted lowest cost of Rs. 25,14,580.00 (including GST) was recommended by the committee. It was also clarified that the equipment is not available in GeM.

c. With these satisfactory information placed by Dr. S.V. Naik, the Standing Committee approved the proposal for Procurement of Universal Tensile Testing Machine at a total cost of Rs.25,14,580/- (Twenty Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Rupees only) subject to availability of Funds under appropriate Head. The necessary certificate of Non availability on GeM may be kept on record by Member Secretary, CSB.

d. Guidelines issued by Procurement division of Ministry of Finance may also be followed by CSB while procuring these items.

III. Procurement of Microwave Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometer for the use of CSTRI, Bengaluru:

a. Dr. S.V. Naik, Director, CSTRI, Bengaluru elaborated the requirement of the equipment and informed that the equipment is required for the project on Extraction of Eri Sericin and its characterization. It was informed that the equipment will be used for ongoing projects on By-product utilization i.e., Use of Sericin for Cosmetic, Nutraceutical and Bio medical application. The equipment will help in detection and analysis of the metal content in the sericin and will be useful in future also for any other R&D activity which requires detection and analysis of metal content in the product. He further informed that the Tender was invited twice through e-procurement and wide publicity given through newspaper advertisement. However, only one party responded as equipment is a proprietary item and the party has also patent. All procedures were followed for the procurement of item.

- b. The Committee observed that this was a resultant single tender and that the product appears to be manufactured in Malaysia even though the supplier is of Indian . The Committee decided that first the availability of the equipment may be explored under GEM Portal . In case of its non availability in GEM, fresh tender may be floated again for better for competitive bids. For floating the fresh tender the Committee decided that a Technical Committee may be constituted by the Member Secretary, CSB to re-examine the technical specifications that may adequately meet the requirements which may be incorporated in the fresh tender .

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.