

11 States/UTs including J&K have no functional Eye-Banks: RTI reply

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Eleven states and Union Territories, including Goa and Jammu and Kashmir, have no functional eye banks, according to official data. Doctors, however, underlined that such banks alone don't serve the purpose as there is an increased demand for eye donors especially in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, which exacerbated the situation.

According to the response to an RTI application filed by Madhya Pradesh-based activist Chandra Shekhar Gaur, there are a total of 320 functional eye banks in the country.

Eleven states and Union Territories -- Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim -- have no functional eye banks, it said.

Dr Manisha Acharya, the medical director of eye bank at Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, said there are a total of 750 eye banks in India, but only some of them are fully functional, well-equipped, and responsible for 80 per cent of cornea collections in the country.

"A nationwide eye banking network is the need of the hour, with one well-equipped eye bank having trained professionals/counselors affiliated with eye collection and retrieval centres to ensure better utilisation. This could be a solution because establishing an eye bank requires large investments and approval from numerous government regulatory bodies," Acharya told PTI.

States such as Tripura, Uttarakhand and Mizoram have just one functional eye bank, according to the data.

Maharashtra has the highest number of functional eye banks at 74 followed by Uttar Pradesh at 41, Karnataka at 32 and Gujarat at 25.

Dr Anita Sethi, Director, Ophthalmology, Fortis Memorial Research Institute,

Gurgaon said the issue is the lack of awareness around eye donation. "People are not aware of what an eye donation entails. And unless we have more eye donations, more people coming forward to donate their eyes, we can have hundreds and hundreds of eye banks. So, we should be spreading awareness of eye donation more than about an eye bank because an eye bank is just a place where the donated eyes are processed," she said.

Sethi said focus must be on increasing the awareness and number of eye banks in more populated states and Union

Territories so there could be a match between where we can get the tissue from and where it needs processing. "So, if you talk about very remote places like Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu, the population there is so less now. So having an eye bank installed there would not really be a significant idea as to run an eye bank we do need specific equipment like specular microscope etc and technology as well. Also, there must be enough population so you can have a decent number of donations to make it viable to have an eye bank over there," she added.

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S. N.	Tender Notice No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of Opening	Bidding Start Date on IREPS	Cost of Tender form Rs.	Completion Period of Work
1.	OT-18-2022-JRC	Erection & fixing of side pathway on 14 Nos. bridges (as per list attached) under jurisdiction of SSE/Br/MJUC	7749353.83	155000.00	21.10.2022	07.10.2022 to 21.10.2022	0	06 Months
2.	OT-17-2022-JRC	Hot dip Galvanisation of H-beam steel sleepers (mild steel material) as per IS:4759 maintaining Zinc coating @ 705gm/Sqm (100 micron thick) including loading, unloading, leading from Bridge Workshop JRC to firm's premises and back to BWS/JRC along with unloading of material at BWS/JRC. This cost includes all taxes. (Nos. of H-beam Sleeper = 1895).	10844156.55	204200.00	21.10.2022	07.10.2022 to 21.10.2022	0	06 Months

Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender

Up to 15:00 hrs. on dates shown against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs. on same date.

Website Particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded.

The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in

No.80/W-30/Bridges/ Invitation. Dated: 30.09.2022

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD

(R&B) DIVISION KISHTWAR

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No. 66 of 2022-23 Dated: 29-09-2022 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar invites tenders by e-tendering mode on % age rates from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimate d cost of Work (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rs)	Earnest Money	Time allowed for completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	Balance work for improvement up-gradation of link road from House of Zahoor Ahmad Mattoo to House of Zaffer Ali Doolwali by way of planning/grading & WB/Wall in stretch length 98mtr. B/wall & R/wall in Grade-III, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam & 25mm thick Premix carpet including construction of pucca drain, B/wall & R/wall in Km 1st RD (0-385)-(2nd time).	Kishwar	28.13	600.00	56260.00	45 Days		"A, B" Class
2	Balance work of link road from Bhandarkoot -Patimahalla -Nowpachil road Km 9 to PWD Quarter Plamari by way of earth work in Km 1st RD (260) & (515), Construction of 100 mm Span RCC Culverts, No's. in Km 1st RD (110) & (210). Construction of R/Wall in stretch length 98mtr. B/wall in stretches length 98mtr. including Providing / laying WBM Gr. IIId 150mm thick Gr. IIId 75mm thick 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam 25mm thick premix carpet length 515 mtr.	PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar	103.56	3000.00	207120.00	06 Months		"A" Class

As detail given below

Position of AAA = ACCORDED

Position of funds = Partly

Technical Sanction = ACCORDED

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	30-09-2022
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 30-09-2022, 06.00 P.M to 07-10-2022, 2.00 P.M
3. Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	-
4. Bid submission Start Date	30-09-2022 From 6.00 P.M
5. Bid Submission End Date	07-10-2022 up to 2.00 P.M
6. Submission of hard copy of tender documents	Only successful bidder who is declared as L1 should submit the hard copy after opening of financial bids
7. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) - [The date should be one day after deadline for receiving of hard copies]	07-10-2022 at 1500 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar.
8. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

No. e-tender/Kishtwar/937-948

Dt: 29/09/2022

DIP/J-9585/22
Dated: 04/10/2022

Sd/-
Er. Ravinder Kumar
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Kishtwar



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CONDOLENCE



UT Administration J&K expresses its grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Director General Prisons J&K **Shri Hemant Kumar Lohia.** He has served the country with great honour and dedication. Condolences to the bereaved family and his admirers. The administration expresses its heartfelt Sympathies with the family for bearing this irreparable loss. **May his soul rest in Peace.**

DIP/J-9610/22

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SH. HEMANT KUMAR LOHIA (IPS)
DG Prisons J&K

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW,
WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY
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SH. HEMANT KUMAR LOHIA (IPS)
DG Prisons J&K
S/O LATE SHYAM SUNDAR LOHIA
WHO PASSED AWAY ON 3RD OCTOBER, 2022.
CREMATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON 5/10/2022
AT 2:30 PM AT JOGI GATE,
CREMATION GROUND JAMMU.

GRIEF STRICKEN
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