

### **Inviting applications for trial cultivation of poppy crop**

Government of India had issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) inviting bidders to set up a production unit for production of Concentrated Poppy Straw(CPS) from opium Poppy crop and further extraction of alkaloids from such CPS. The responsibilities of bidders interalia included testing of various varieties of seeds of poppy in Indian conditions to select a suitable variety for commercial cultivation. After consultation with industry stake holders and prospective bidders, it has been decided that prospective bidders shall be allowed to conduct field trials of various types of opium poppy crops. Accordingly applications are invited for trial cultivation of opium poppy crop for production of CPS and consequent extraction of alkaloids from such CPS subject to following conditions:-

- (i) The area of cultivation shall not exceed Two(2) Hectares.
- (ii) Prospective bidders will be free to choose any plot/plots for cultivation in the state of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- (iii) The Central Government shall grant license to the prospective bidder for cultivation of opium poppy for production of poppy straw in accordance with Rule 8 (2) of NDPS Rules 1985.
- (iv) The prospective bidder will be allowed to extract CPS at any place/factory as desired by the prospective bidder by way of issue of license for manufacture of CPS in accordance with Rule 36 A of NDPS Rules, 1985.
- (v) If prospective bidder intends to export CPS, it shall be allowed subject to following provisions of Chapter VI of NDPS Rules, 1985.
- (vi) The prospective bidder shall be responsible for obtaining regulatory approvals as may be required under any law for time being in force.

(vii) The total period of trial shall not exceed two years. However the prospective bidder will be required to obtain separate license for each crop season/year within this period of two years.

(viii) The applications shall be submitted in form given at annexure-1. Once application is accepted by DOR, the applicant shall apply to the Narcotics Commissioner to obtain necessary license for undertaking cultivation in accordance with NDPS Rules.

(ix) The result of trial production and yields shall be shared with Government of India in the form given at annexure-2.

(x) The applicant shall have to deposit EMD of Rs. 1,00,000/- and the same will be returned after the trial is over.

The Prospective bidder may apply to the Department of Revenue on or before **25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017** if desirous of obtaining trial license. The applications may be submitted at the following address: -

Deputy Secretary (Narcotics Control)

Room No. 48-C

North Block

New Delhi- 110001

(xi) The Department of Revenue, reserves rights to reject any application if so felt necessary.