

REPLIES TO QUERIES PERTAINING TO AUCTION RULES DATED 27.11.2024 FOR BATCH III PVT FM RADIO AUCTIONS		
Query No.	Querist No.1	
1	Query	How many clock rounds this auction will have in total? At max 20?
	Reply to query	There is no limit on the number of Clock Rounds in any SMRA auction. Number of bidding rounds shall be determined by the bidding activity.
2	Query	Is it mandatory for every bidder to submit their bid in all the clock rounds?
	Reply to query	Yes. For further details, please refer to auction rules
3	Query	If the Excess Demand for a city is NEGATIVE throughout the auction, till the end of the final Clock Round, can the bidder stick on to the Reserve Price as their bid in each of the Clock Rounds?
	Reply to query	The proportionate price increment rule based on excess demand in each clock round is given under para 1.5.7.3 of the auction rules.
4	Query	If there are only 3 bidders, bidding for a city with 3 channels allotted and the Excess Demand is ZERO in a Clock Round, then will there be a 1% increase in the Clock Round Price in the next Clock Round?
	Reply to query	Same as S. No. 3 above.
5	Query	If there are only 2 Bidders, bidding for a city with 3 channels allotted, and if there is no increment in the Clock Round prices for the initial few Clock Rounds, will it affect the Activity Level of the bidders in the subsequent clock rounds / Auction Activity Requirement / Eligibility Points?
	Reply to query	Please refer to Note 1 & 2 below para 1.5.5.4 of auction rules.
6	Query	In the Frequency Allocation Stage – If 2 Provisional Bidders are available for one City and both are Tied or Equal in all parameters, who will have the advantage of selecting the required or desired frequency first?
	Reply to query	The Electronic Auction System (EAS) will allocate distinct rank to each of the bidders. Please refer to auction rules.

7	Query	It was mentioned that during Weekends and gazette holidays clock rounds will not be scheduled. Kindly reconfirm.
	Reply to query	Please refer to para 1.5.9.1 of auction rules.
8	Query	In the event of being officially notified as successful bidders of X number of licenses, do we make separate online payments for the each of the X NOTEFs, or can we make consolidated payments all X NOTEFs –i.e., if we won 15 licenses, do we have to make two payments or 30 payments (two instalments of 25% and 75%)?
	Reply to query	Consolidated payments for all stations may be made subject to fulfilment of conditions mentioned in para 3.6 (Payment Methodology) of NIA.
9	Query	Will there be a mock-auction as indicated in their official schedule (4/5 days after the pre-qualification of the bidders which process is yet to be completed)? Will there be any separate registration process, procedures, and formalities for the mock-auction?
	Reply to query	Advance notice will be issued for the mock auction.
10	Query	Will there be any consideration for those bidders who face any interruptions in network connection due to Natural disasters such as Cyclones, heavy rains, etc.?
	Reply to query	Please refer to clause 1.1.5 of Auction Rules. Bidders are advised to exercise due diligence while submitting 4 different Public Static IP addresses.
Query No.	Querist No.2	
11	Query	What is the method of calculation of eligibility point.
	Reply to query	(i) Table I of Annexure 2.2 of auction rules provides for eligibility points per channel for each of the 234 cities. (ii) Divide EMD (in Rs) by 25000 and ignore the decimal part.
12	Query	How many rounds will be done per day and basis of turning to the next round.
	Reply to query	(i) Number of bidding rounds shall be determined by the bidding activity. For further details, please refer to para 1.5.9.1, 1.5.9.2 & 1.5.9.3 of auction rules for length of clock rounds. (ii) Para 1.5.9.15 provides for minimum time between ending of one clock round and start of next round.

13	Query	Please clarify page 33 of your presentation paper with examples and page 41 also.
	Reply to query	<p>Page 33 of presentation- In case of no violations of biddings rules during the submission of bids in SMRA clock round, the system shall freeze Eligibility points/EMD amount in corroboration to your bids and shall submit the bids. The remaining Eligibility points (if any) shall lapse for the forthcoming rounds if requisite activity criteria is not met by the bidder. The screen reflects an example of the same. For further details, Please refer to auction rules dated 27.11.2024.</p> <p>Page 41 of presentation is summary screen example at the end of the SMRA auction, after closure of last clock round.</p>
Query No.	Querist No.3	
14	Query	Under Bidder Registration form at link https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/fm/index.jsp whose PAN No, will be given either Company or Authorised Signatory
	Reply to query	Company's PAN card details are to be entered
15	Query	Under Bidder Registration form at link https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/fm/index.jsp which nature of bank details of company needs to be given
	Reply to query	Savings/Current Account details of the company
16	Query	Do we understand with practical example of slide 37 which states to use 80% of Eligible Point (EP) in 1 st round, else face proportionate expiry and Later this requirement increase to 90% and thereafter to 100%
	Reply to query	Please refer to example given in para 1.5.5.5 of auction rules.
17	Query	Do bidder need to check every round till completion of bidding process, although bidder has been declared provisional winner in initial round
	Reply to query	Yes. The Provisional Winning Bidders will become Winning Bidders at the end of final clock round. (please refer to para 1.5.8.2 of auction rules)

Query No.	Querist No.4	
18	Query	Does the system support all browsers?
	Reply to query	EAS will work in latest version of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Microsoft Edge.
19	Query	Do we need to have the latest version of JAVA as mentioned in the manual?
	Reply to query	Yes
20	Query	Are there any additional settings we should be aware of for optimal performance?
	Reply to query	Yes, you can contact MSTC's helpdesk to configure your machines with those settings.
21	Query	Related to Additional IP addresses, We hope that this is required to connect to e-auction system if we face any connectivity issues in our primary location.
	Reply to query	Yes
22	Query	Does the system will allow the primary and secondary users to login simultaneously from the same bidder?
	Reply to query	Yes.
Query No.	Querist No.5	
23	Query	What is the tentative date to publish final list of qualified bidders for auction?
	Reply to query	It will be intimated in due course.
24	Query	What is the tentative date to release the EMD amounts of the qualified bidders?

	Reply to query	After notification of results and receipt of NOTEF, action for return of EMDs Bank Guarantee will be initiated.
25	Query	Do we mandatorily need 4 DSCs?
	Reply to query	To log in and bid on the EAS, bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs). A DSC is mandatory for the Primary Bidder who can add upto 3 secondary bidders. If the bidder wishes to register Secondary Bidders, each Secondary User must also have a valid DSC. For further details, Please refer to auction rules dated 27.11.2024
26	Query	Should we use a DSC issued in the name of the company or a DSC issued in the name of the authorized signatory?
	Reply to query	DSC should be in the name of Authorized Signatory.
27	Query	If the primary and 3 more users have logged in, can everyone independently submit the bid?
	Reply to query	Yes, however, only one bid is allowed per bidder per round. Only the bid submitted in the EAS first from any of the users shall be recorded.
28	Query	In case there is a discrepancy between bid submission of primary and secondary users, then what will prevail?
	Reply to query	Same as reply to the previous Query no. 27
29	Query	If #channels = #bidders in Clock Round R, and the bidder says "no" in Clock Round R+1 but is still a provisional winner in Clock Round R, then will the activity level be counted at the end of Clock Round R+1?
	Reply to query	Please refer to para 1.5.5.4 of auction rules.
30	Query	If #channels = #bidders, and a bidder is a provisional winner in Clock Round R, then can he say "No" to the city in Clock Round R+1?
	Reply to query	If a channel has been allocated, the bidder cannot refuse such provisional/final allocation of channel. However, the bidder can be outbid by other bidders, in such case, the provisionally allocated channel shall be deallocated from the bidder.
31	Query	What is the tentative date of mock auction and final auction?
		Same as reply to Query No 23.

	Reply to query	
32	Query	What is the tentative date of receiving the email to register themselves as bidders?
	Reply to query	Same as reply to Query No 23.
33	Query	By when should the pre-qualified bidders to email the DSC serial number to eas@mstcindia.co.in to map the authorized participants in the EAS?
	Reply to query	Once the bidders have registered themselves on the portal, they should intimate the DSC Serial Number to eas@mstcindia.co.in to map the authorized participants in the EAS at the earliest to avoid any delays.
34	Query	Whose bank account details are required at the time of registration? - the primary bidder or the company bank account details? What is the purpose of submitting bank account details?
	Reply to query	Bank details of the Company are to be entered. Submission of bank account details is Standard KYC Norms.
35	Query	Whose PAN are required at the time of registration? - the primary bidder or the company PAN?
	Reply to query	PAN of Company
36	Query	If the company has multiple GST registrations in different states, then which GST number should we submit?
	Reply to query	Any GST number may be entered by the company as the requirement is as per standard KYC norms
37	Query	Can Secondary bidders be different from the names of the people already submitted in NIA?
	Reply to query	Yes.