



GOA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD
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Press Note

Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited (GFDCL), a Government of Goa undertaking, invites individuals and Self-Help Groups to bid for the collection of cashew nuts and cashew apples from the various cashew plantations under the jurisdiction of GFDC in the State of Goa. The time line for the auction / bidding process is as follows:

Particulars		Time line	Place / location
Registration of the bidders: The form for registration of the bidders shall be sold through the respective ranges on receipt of one-time non-refundable payment of Rs.500/- (plus GST) per bidder / SHG		15/10/2026 to 31/10/2026	
Sale of bid documents for each plantation: Bidding shall be through sealed tender forms and both individual as well as SHG bids shall be accepted. Sealed Tender / bid boxes will be placed at each range office.		01/11/2026 to 04/11/2026	
Opening of bids / tenders: The bids / tenders shall be opened in front of the bidders at each Range at 11 a.m. as per the following schedule:			
	<u>Canacona Range</u> Shri.Mohandas Naik, RFO Contact No.9823987100	04/11/2026	GFDCL, Range Office, Shelar, Cancona-Goa.
	<u>Quepem Range</u> Shri.Bipin Phaldessai, RFO Contact No. 9158927106	06/11/2026	GFDCL, Range Office, Forest Colony, Quepem- Goa
	<u>Ponda Range</u> Shri.Pranay Naik, RFO Contact No.7798986166	13/11/2026	GFDCL, Range Office, Forest Colony, Ponda- Goa.
	<u>Morlem Range</u> Shri.Prajyot Naik, RFO Contact No. 7798986079	18/11/2026	GFDCL, Range Office Gimai Wada Morlem Sattari-Goa.

The detailed Terms and Conditions are available on the website of GFDCL at <https://goafdc.goa.gov.in>

Sd/-
MD-GFDCL

GOA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
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Terms and conditions for participation in tender / auction for collection of cashew nuts and apples for the cashew crop season 2026-27.

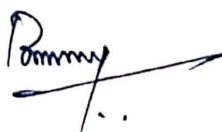
I. List of documents to be provided:

- a. Details of the bidder as per Performa no. 1
- b. Application fee for registration of bidder: Rs.500/- plus GST (non-refundable).
- c. EMD for each plantation in which the Bidder is participating in the form of Demand Draft duly drawn in favour of Managing Director, Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited, payable at Panaji.
- d. Clearance certificate of all pending dues payable to Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited.
- e. Copy of registration certificate of Self-Help Group in case of participating Bidder in Self Help Group category.

II. Terms and conditions:

a. General:

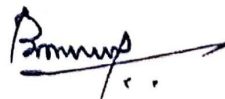
- i. Bidders have to make a one-time registration enrolment on payment of non-refundable amount of Rs.500/- (plus GST if applicable).
- ii. Bidders once registered have to get a clearance certificate from GFDCL after clearing all dues, if any.
- iii. Bidders wishing to participate through Self Help Group shall have to produce a copy of the registration of SHG.
- iv. Bidder may participate in any number of auctions/ tender by submission of separate auction documents for each plantation.
- v. Bid/ Tender documents shall be available in office of respective Range Offices on payment of Rs.200/- per plantation bid / tender.
- vi. Bidders must enclose EMD amounting to 10% of the bid amount in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in Managing Director, Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited, payable at Panaji.
- vii. Bid/ Tender submitted without EMD shall be summarily rejected.



- viii. GFDCL reserves the right to alter or cancel the auction dates without assigning any reason. GFDCL reserves the right to add or delete any of the conditions in the terms and conditions, if deemed fit during the period of business and transaction negotiated for collection of cashew nuts and apples of the cashew plantations of GFDCL.
- ix. In case of a single bid, if the amount bid exceeds the upset value of the plantation, GFDCL reserves the right to accept or reject the bid.
- x. The term of bid quoted shall be valued per year and shall be awarded to successful bidder for a period of 3 years in case of individual bidder, and 5 years in case of Self Help Group.
- xi. Successful bidder shall execute an agreement with GFDCL within a period of 30 days from date of receipt of acceptance award.
- xii. In case the bid is received for any plantation or the amount of bid is below accepted value, GFDCL shall carry out the collection of cashew nuts and apples departmentally.

b. Technical:

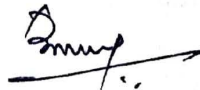
- i. The bidder is expected to inspect the cashew plantation on any working day after prior intimation to the concerned Range Officer in charge of the plantation.
- ii. Participation of the bidder for any bid/ tender shall be taken as sufficient proof that the bidder has inspected the plantation and is satisfied about condition of the plantation, plant population, quality of crop and expected yield.
- iii. The successful bidder shall abide by the provisions of law, Acts and Rules, Guidelines and Regulations in force during the bid period to the collection of cashew nuts and apples, and maintenance of the plantations.
- iv. GFDCL shall, at the time of award of bid / tender, fix the minimum rate for cashew nut.
- v. The bidder is bound and shall commit to sell the cashew nut collected from the plantation to GFDCL.
- vi. Selling of cashew nut collected from the plantation to any agency other than GFDCL shall be deemed violation of the contract/ terms of this auction and shall attract appropriate action as is decided by GFDCL.
- vii. Bidder is at liberty to sell or dispose of only the cashew apples as per his choice and convenience.



- viii. Bidder shall maintain the plantation for the period of 3 / 5 years as per the award.
- ix. GFDCL shall provide cashew saplings for planting inside the plantations every year and bidder shall assist in planting and maintenance of the cashew saplings.
- x. Bidder shall have no claim for compensation from GFDCL for any loss incurred due to natural calamities or by any other cause.
- xi. GFDCL reserves the right to carry out activities including raising of new plantation, cultural operations, fire tracing, weeding, etc in the allotted plantations.
- xii. Breach of any of the conditions by the bidder shall entail forfeiture of all deposits made by bidder to GFDCL. Loss sustained by GFDCL shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue.

III. Mode of payment:

- a. Apart from the security deposit / EMD, the bidder shall deposit 20% of the bid amount of the plantation during the signing of the agreement between GFDCL and successful bidder.
- b. GFDCL shall purchase the cashew nuts from the bidder at the minimum rate assigned at the time of signing of agreement, and the amount due against the cashew nut supplied shall be credited to the total amount due from the bidder.
- c. Bidder shall supply cashew nuts collected from the plantation after ensuring that the nuts have been sun dried for at least two days before supplying to GFDCL.
- d. The weight of the cashew nuts shall be recorded by the range officer concerned and entry made against the bidder and amount realized shall be deducted from the amount due from the bidder.
- e. Once the total amount due from the bidder is realized, GFDCL shall pay the cashew nuts supplied at the specified rate by crediting the same into the bank account of the bidder.
- f. In case, the bidder wishes to sell the cashew nut collected to any agency / individual other than GFDCL, the bidder has to make full and complete payment of bid amount, following which the plantation shall be awarded to the bidder for a period of one year only.
- g. This process shall be continued for the ensuing cashew season and until the period of contract with the bidder / SHG.



IV. Maintenance of plantation:

- a. The successful bidder shall be solely responsible for payment of wages and other dues to any personnel deployed during the period of contract. GFDCL shall not be held responsible for any claims or disputes in the matter.
- b. The bidder shall report occurrence of any illegal felling or any forest offence in the plantation to the Range officer and shall assist in the prevention or detection of any offence to the GFDCL staff.
- c. The bidder is at liberty to insure the crops during the period on his own motion.
- d. GFDCL and its officials shall have the full right to enter, inspect, measure or do any such other act including cultural operations and maintenance work that may be considered reasonable and necessary by GFDCL in the interest of the preservation of the plantation.
- e. GFDC may take up census of the plantation as and when deemed considered and bidder shall assist and be present at the time of counting and shall put his signature in the report after completion of the census.
- f. GFDCL regularly goes for replanting programme in the plantations. Hence, GFDCL reserves the right to go for such replantation programmes inside vacant places. Safe upkeep of the plantation would be responsibility of the bidder concerned.

V. Mode of refund of Security Deposit:

- a. The EMD / Security Deposit shall be released after the period of contract to the bidder.
- b. The cost of stamp paper of the agreement shall be borne by the successful bidder.
- c. The bidder is fully liable and responsible for payment of tax / revised tax from time to time during period of contract if any, in respect of cashew nuts or apples collected from the plantation to the appropriate authority as per the provisions of law and responsible for its transportation at bidders own arrangement.

VI. Legal:

- a. The bidder shall not commit any violation of any forest and wildlife laws within the plantation area.



- b. In case of any curing of trees or encroachment of land by outsiders inside the plantation during the period of grant is noticed, GFDCL is at liberty to cancel the agreement at any time and bidder shall have no right to operate the plantation. In such case, the security amount and other deposits shall be forfeited and GFDCL will file civil suit to recover balance amount from bidder. The bidder shall also be liable to pay additional compensation on account of litigation. GFDCL shall also have the right to file criminal case for criminal breach of trust.
- c. The bidder shall not sub-let, transfer or part with the possession of the plantation or any part thereof in favour of any person nor shall claim any right and interest in the land, permanent structures and other assets of GFDCL comprised on the land and plantation except the right to pluck and remove the cashew nuts and apples within the period of grant.
- d. All legal proceedings of civil nature in connection with or arising out of this agreement should be instituted in appropriate courts in Panaji only and it shall not be open to either bidder to the agreement to bring any suit in regard to the agreement at any place outside Panaji.


(K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS) 08.10.26
Managing Director
Goa Forest Development Corporation Ltd.,