

4. M/s. Alpha Battery Corporation,
80, Acharya Jagadish Bose Road,
Calcutta-14.
5. M/s. National Battery Corporation,
F-87, Okhla, Industrial Estate,
New Delhi-20.
6. M/s. Radiant Batteries,
P. O. Korapuzha, Elathur, Calicut.

The rate contract settled with M/s. Alpha Battery Corporation, Calcutta has since been cancelled as requested by them. Tender amounts for the tenders accepted depend upon the supply orders placed by the various Departments of the Government and as such the same cannot be forecast.

The tender accepted from M/s. Kerala Tyre and Rubber Products, Cochin is for *reconditioning of various size of tyres of departmental vehicles* from 7-4-1973 to 6-4-1974. The tender of M/s. Allied Sales Corporation, Madras is for supply of *sewing machines* for a period of one year from 23-11-1973. M/s. Gibs Industries, Industrial Estate, Ettumanoor will supply steel cupboards and steel racks for a period of one year from 31-12-1973 as per their tender accepted by Government. M/s. National Battery Corporation, New Delhi-20 and M/s. Radiant Batteries, P. O., Korapuzha have to supply various tyres of M. T. Batteries to Government departments and local bodies for a period of one year from 28-4-1973.

(b) Some of the tenderers had quoted lowest rates for certain items which were not accepted for various reasons. There has been no instance of highest tender having been accepted.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Name of the firms and the details of goods for which tenders were accepted are as in (a) above. Acceptance of tenders depends upon various factors such as capability of the firms to execute the contract, price, quality, terms of delivery, terms of payment etc. In the case of reconditioning of tyres of departmental vehicles the rates quoted by M/s. Kerala Tyre & Rubber Products, Cochin were generally the lowest. They had also quoted a cash discount of 15% on the rates accepted for prompt payment within 45 days of the presentation of the bills by the firm. In the case of sewing machines the lowest rate for Tailor Model was not accepted since the quality of the machine was not found acceptable. In the case of steel cupboards, steel racks and M. T. batteries Government accepted the lowest rates.

The rate contract for reconditioning of tyres was settled after obtaining the advice of the General Manager, K.S.R.T.C. The quality of samples produced by the tenderers in the case of sewing machines, steel furniture and M. T. batteries was tested by competent authorities and the rate contracts were settled after considering their test reports also.