

Clarification from IIPS Regarding the RFP for Selection of Field Agencies for GATS-3 Implementation

Sl. No.	Query from Field Agencies	Clarification from IIPS
1	Will the turnover criteria be relaxed for MSME-registered firms or start-ups to enable participation?	There will be no change in the annual turnover criteria of Rs. 4 crores for any agencies.
2	Does the regional office need to be in every state within the group of states listed, or will an office in one state suffice?	Having offices in every state is not an eligibility criterion for opening the technical bids. However, having a state office carries marks based on the technical evaluation methodology. Please refer to RFP Page No. 34 for details.
3	Is the ratio of male-to-female interviews in the PSU 50-50 in a state?	The 33 selected households in a PSU will be divided into two groups: (1) Households for the interview of a male member, and (2) Households for the interview of a female member (in proportion to the total sample size of male and female interviews in a state). Refer Annexure A1. page no. 38.
4	Is the survey required to be conducted simultaneously in all states?	Yes, the survey must be conducted simultaneously in all states, as it is a single-phase survey.
5	Please clarify the statement on Page 33, (Section 8.1, point g): No FA will be awarded the work of GATS-3 that exceeds five times of their average turnover during of the last three years.	The aggregated amount of all the GATS-3 work orders shouldn't be more than five times of agencies average turnover during of the last three years.
6	Should the tablet configuration be followed as mentioned in the RFP?	Yes, the tablet configuration must be followed as mentioned in the RFP, and the declaration mentioned on page 42 must be added to the bid. All teams in a particular state must use the same brand and tablet model.
7	Is it required to have a local office in the States? Is submitting an undertaking and setting up the regional office after selection acceptable?	Refer to clarification provided in sl.no: 3
8	Can the depreciation cost of the tablets be added and budgeted in the financial bid?	Bidders should not include additional tablet costs, including depreciation, in the financial bid.



9	Can Bihar and Jharkhand use the same core team as they have the same language?	Both states must have separate core teams.
10	Should a group of states use the same brand of tablets, or can different brands be used in states under the particular group?	Yes, all teams in a particular state must use the same brand of tablet, but it is not compulsory for a group of states to use the same brand. The same brand is recommended for a particular state, as it will facilitate easier training, monitoring and allow the IIPS and Central Office of the FAs to address any issues more efficiently during data collection.
11	Is there any possibility of an extension for the bid submission date?	No extension for the bid submission.

