

**Formal Objection and Representation in the Tender for Appointment of Chartered Accountant Firms  
for Statutory Audit (2026-27 to 2028-29)**

**CA RAVI SHANKAR KUMAR**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We write to formally submit our professional concerns and objections regarding the Minimum Eligibility Criteria outlined in Section 10 of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the selection of Chartered Accountant firms to conduct the Statutory Audit of ATMA schemes and Agriculture Department programmes.

While we appreciate BAMETI's intent to secure high-quality professional services, several newly introduced criteria are heavily restrictive, disproportionate to the assignment's financial scale, and actively discourage fair competition among well-qualified firms based in Bihar.

We request the Tender Evaluation Committee to review and reconsider the following points:

- **RFP Requirement:** Average annual turnover of the last three financial years must not be less than Rs. 40 Lakhs.
- **Objection:** Minimum annual audit fee for this assignment is set at a modest ₹49,945/- plus GST. Demanding a ₹40 Lakh annual turnover for a mandate worth less than ₹50,000 creates a massive financial mismatch. It goes against procurement guidelines, which state that financial turnover criteria must remain proportionate to the estimated value of the contract.
- **RFP Requirement:** The firm must have at least four (4) full-time CA partners.
- **Objection:** The operational scale of checking block and district-level vouchers can be seamlessly managed by standard 2-to-3 partner firms deploying qualified team leaders.

We humbly request the competent authority to issue a **Corrigendum** modifying the RFP.

1. Reduce Firm Existence to **10 years**.
2. Reduce Minimum Average Annual Turnover to **₹20 Lakhs**.
3. Reduce the Full-Time Partner requirement to **2 partners**.

Thank you for your time and objective consideration.

**COMPALIANCE:-**

Department has only prescribed the minimum Audit fee. CA Firms are free to quote any amount higher than minimum fee.

**BAMETI, PATNA  
BIHAR**