

Auction of Liquor vends in UT Chandigarh through GepNIC

Excise Department, UT Chandigarh holds auction of liquor shops every year. This year also department decided to hold it through e-tendering and requested NIC Chandigarh UT unit to provide technical support for this auction. NIC Chandigarh UT Unit provided complete support in successful completion of auction process through GePNIC.

The auction was conducted for 96 liquor vends of Chandigarh. Two training sessions cum facilitation workshops were held for bidders. During the workshop, a brief overview on the e-tendering process, which is DSC based, was given to the participants. Demonstration of complete e-tendering application was given to the bidders on the demo portal (<https://demoeproc.nic.in/>). Adequate provision of systems was made for the bidders to do handholding. Complete end to end process of document submission and bid submission was shown to the bidders and all the concerns raised by them were addressed. NIC UT Chandigarh set up a technical help desk to assist the bidders.

The financial bids were opened on 22nd March 2022 in which for 72 liquor vends, 146 bids were received. These 72 liquor vends fetched a total revenue of Rs. 420 Crore against reserve price of Rs 344 Crore. E-tendering for the remaining 24 vends was held on 29th March 2022 in which against a reserve price of 62.59 crore, the department collected 77.03 crore. Thus from the sale of 88 liquor vends having a reserve price of 407.59 crore, the department has earned 497.91 crore in the shape of licence fees, registering an increase of 22.15%. The process went off smoothly and the department received the highest ever revenue in this auction. The Financial opening of tenders was held at Hotel Park View, where adequate arrangements were made. A dedicated internet bandwidth of 100 Mbps was provided at bid opening venue. The process took around two and half hours and was displayed on large screen projections and also video-graphed. The entire auction process was led by Mr. Girish Pant, Technical Director and his team.



Auction in Progress

News Paper coverage

Chandigarh: Dhanas liquor vend fetches highest bid of Rs 12.78 crore

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A Dhanas liquor vend fetched the highest bid of Rs 12.78 crore against the reserve price of Rs 10.39 crore in the auction of liquor vends of Chandigarh held here on Tuesday. Last year the same vend fetched Rs 11.55 crore against the reserve price of Rs 7.95 crore in the auction held in March, 2021. This vend is always in demand because it is just on the border of UT and Punjab. Prior to 2021, it fetched around Rs 7 crore. An analysis of the successful bidders this year revealed that no single entity got allotment of more than 10 vends.

In the first opening of e-tenders after the new policy came into operation for the excise policy year 2022-23, held at Hotel Parkview, Sector 24, Chandigarh, the Excise and Taxation Department received a total of 142 tenders electronically against 72 liquor vends/ licensing units that had a reserve price of a total of Rs 344.70 crore. The new policy aims for transparency and increasing the revenue of the state by use of technology.

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Liquor vend in Chandigarh's Dhanas goes for highest-ever bid of ₹12.78 crore

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Even last year, the liquor vend in Dhanas had fetched the Chandigarh excise and taxation department ₹11.55 crore, the highest bid until then. (HT File Photo)

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A liquor vend in Dhanas, bordering the Mullanpur area of Mohali, raked in the highest-ever bid of ₹12.78 crore at an auction conducted by the UT excise and taxation department on Tuesday. Even last year, this vend had fetched the department ₹11.55 crore, the highest bid until then. This year, its reserve price was ₹10.39 crore.

The auction of a total of 72 vends, having a reserve price of ₹344.70 crore in all, helped the department earn ₹420.88 crore.

The department had received 142 bids for 72 of the total 96 vends to be auctioned this year. The remaining 24 vends will be put up for sale later this month.

In 2021-22, the department had earned ₹446.58 crore from the sale of 90 of the 96 vends.

An official said no single entity was allotted more than 10 vends. "The Dhanas vend is located near the Punjab border. So, it sees heavy footfall of customers from the neighbouring state, as liquor in Chandigarh is relatively cheaper. Similar trend has been noticed at the vends adjoining Panchkula and Mohali as well," the official added.

Under the UT excise policy 2022-2023, the retail vends were auctioned through e-tendering system for more transparency. The EMD (earnest money deposit) was also reduced for better participation.

While the revenue target from various sources for outgoing fiscal was around ₹700 crore, the projected revenue for the upcoming fiscal is around ₹830 crore.

Highest bid for the third time

This is the third time that the liquor vend in Dhanas was the top seller. Apart from 2022 and last year, the vend's selling price of ₹10.78 crore in 2019-20 was also the highest. However, in 2020-21, a liquor vend in Sector 9 topped the chart with a bid of ₹7.56 crore, pushing the ₹7.05-crore offer for the Dhanas vend to the second spot.

In the auction on Tuesday, the vend in Palsora got the second-highest bid. It was sold for ₹11.61 crore against the reserve price of ₹5.71 crore. Next on the list was a vend in the Sector-40D market that went for ₹9.85 crore against the reserve price of ₹6.11 crore. The fourth-highest offer was for a vend in Sector 30, which brought in ₹8.34 crore against the lowest offer price of ₹7.26 crore.

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