राष्ट्रीय e-पुस्तकालय
Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya

Queries & Clarifications: Pre Bid Meeting (25.09.2026)

Publisher	Query	Clarification
Mr. Shantanu - Joydhak Prakashan	**Whether a publisher may submit books of another publisher for whom it is the sole distributor, in addition to its own titles?**	The titles may be proposed subject to the applicant having valid documentary authorization and necessary agreement for rights/licences to offer the e-books to ReP. The applicant shall remain responsible for ensuring all copyright and licensing requirements and must submit an authorization letter from publisher/agreement copy to NBT.
Mr. Shantanu - Joydhak Prakashan	**Where should the publisher submit the documents and Financial Response?**	The EOI response and Financial Response shall be submitted through the CPP Portal.
Mr. Shantanu - Joydhak Prakashan	**If the books are selected, how will applicable taxes be dealt with?**	The rates quoted by publishers shall be exclusive of applicable taxes. Taxes, as applicable, shall be dealt with in accordance with prevailing statutory provisions and the SLA.
Ms. Neha- Physics Wallah	**Are books for the 3–8 years age group also included under the present EOI onboarding?**	Under the present EOI, emphasis is on acquiring content for the 8–11, 11–14 and 14+ (Young Adult) categories.

Mr. Anuj - Khurrana Publishing	**Whether there is any upper age limit for the content and whether content meant for higher education may also be submitted.**	There is no upper age limit, the present requirement includes acquiring content in the 14+ category. However, the books submitted should be non-academic in nature.
Mr. Anuj - Khurrana Publishing	**What are the parameters of book selection?**	The submitted titles will be evaluated by a Content Evaluation Committee comprising internal as well as external experts and editors. Evaluation will take into account the following parameters- 1. Non- Academic Titles 2. Age appropriate 3. Cultural Sensitivity 4. Language Quality 5. Translation 6. Factual Accuracy 7. Political and Religious Neutrality 8. Copyright and Licensing
Mr. Vaibhav Bansal from PD	**Publication Division sought clarification regarding its earlier collaboration with ReP and whether an MoU would be executed under the present arrangement.**	It was clarified that no MoU had previously been executed with Publication Division and the earlier collaboration was carried out through e-mails from official email ID. If execution of an MoU is insisted, then they may seek permission from the competent/higher authority at NBT.
Mr. Vaibhav Bansal from PD	**Whether GST registration/number is required for participation.**	GST number/registration is mandatory, as applicable under the EOI provisions.
Mr. Shantanu - Joydhak Prakashan	**In the Financial Response, should the publisher quote only the per-page rate or the consolidated value of the book?**	The consolidated amount for the book should be quoted. Also, it should not exceed the standardized pricing policy F.No. 303/ReP/NBT-2025 dated 16.07.2025 available on ReP website.

Mr. Akash Sharma- Physics Wallah	**How will the payment cycle operate—will payment be made for the entire empanelment period at one time or on a recurring/yearly basis?**	It was informed that the payment cycle is presently under approval and the final payment mechanism will be communicated separately. No final payment schedule was confirmed during the meeting.
Ms. Neha Sharma- Physics Wallah	**Will empanelment/subscription will automatically continue for three years and whether all initially selected titles will necessarily be renewed each year.**	Empanelment/subscription will be renewed annually based on the number of downloads and usage of titles on the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform. Further, renewal is title-specific. Hence, the titles meeting the review criteria may be renewed for the subsequent year.