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Invitation for Sealed Tenders cum bids for sale of assets belonging to the following defaulting Industrial Concerns in "As is where is condition" exercising powers under Sec. 29 of State Financial Act, 1951.

Sr. No.	LINE OF ACTIVITY	NAME OF INDUSTRIAL CONCERN AND ITS LOCATION	OPERATIONS ZONE	ASSETS OFFERED (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD Rs. IN LAKHS
I. CHEMICALS & PHARMACEUTICALS :					
1.	METHYL THIO ISO CYANATE	M/s Pharm Drugs & Intermediates (P) Ltd., Warangal Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.60	a) 1.60
2.	AGAR-AGAR	M/s Algae Chemicals (P) Ltd., Bangalore (V), Srikakulam Dist.	IV	Only Machinery b) 0.15	b) 0.15
3.	CALCIUM GLUCONATE	M/s Neotech Organics (P) Ltd., Gajamandam, Chittoor Dist.	II	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.50	a) 0.50
4.	BARIUM CHEMICALS	M/s Raylsteema Chemicals (P) Ltd., Industrial Estate, Cuddapah Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.00	a) 2.00
5.	MYROBALEN EXTRACTION	M/s Dayanidhi Tanneries (P) Ltd., Krsnunarajam, E.G. Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.50	a) 0.50
II. CERAMIC, REFRACTORYS & MINERALS					
6.	MINI CEMENT PLANT (Under Liquidation)	M/s Annapurna Cements Ltd., Samalpi, Ashtabud (V), Adilabad Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 5.00	a) 5.00
7.	CERAMIC TILES	M/s De Essar Ceramics (P) Ltd., Kondamadugu, B.N. Nagar, Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.90	a) 1.90
8.	ORDINARY PORTLAND CEMENT	M/s Rajadhami Cements (P) Ltd., Sopranpet (V), Choudupalli (V), Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.50	a) 0.50
9.	GLAZED CERAMIC TILES	M/s Goutami Ceramics (P) Ltd., Choudupalli (V), Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.60	a) 1.60
10.	MINERAL GLASS WATCH CRYSTALS	M/s Standard Crystals (P) Ltd., Kovvuru (V), Nellore Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.10	a) 1.10
11.	CLAY PROCESSING	M/s Kranthi Minerals (P) Ltd., Tirumandram (V), Chittoor Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.00	a) 2.00
12.	SANDBLIME BRICKS	M/s Sky High Building Materials Pvt. Ltd., Rajampet, E.G. Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.10	a) 2.10
13.	ASBESTOS FIBRE	M/s Sai Minerals (P) Ltd., Rajampet (V), Lingal (V), Cuddapah Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.50	a) 0.50
14.	PORTLAND CEMENT (Under Liquidation)	M/s SV Cements Ltd., Karakadapa (V), Kurnool Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 5.00	a) 5.00
15.	ASBESTOS PRESSURE PIPES	M/s Mantralayam Asbestos Pipe Industries (P) Ltd., Akampota (V), Tadri (V), Nellore Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.70	a) 1.70
16.	SLAG CEMENT	M/s Padmapriya Cements, Sanvada, Srikakulam Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.00	a) 2.00
17.	CLINKER GRINDING CEMENT	M/s Sri Lalitha Cement Products Pvt. Ltd., IDA Kondapally (V), Ibrahimpatnam (M), Krishna Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.00	a) 2.00
III. PLASTICS					
18.	MOULDED PLASTIC PRODUCTS	M/s Indus Industries (P) Ltd., Mambapur, Jinnaram (M), Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.40	a) 1.40
19.	PHENOL FORMALDEHYDE	M/s Amit Polymers & Composites Ltd., Chitkul, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.40	a) 1.40
20.	RIGID/FLEXIBLE PVC SHEETS	M/s Emerald Multipack (P) Ltd., Melkapur (V), Choudupalli (V), Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.40	a) 1.40
21.	RIGID PVC PIPES	M/s Viletha Polymers (P) Ltd., Kamareddy, Nizamabad Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.70	a) 1.70
22.	RIGID PVC PIPES	M/s Suryateja Industries (P) Ltd., SI. No. 6/A, 7/A & 8/A, Nazabagar, Nomanad (V), R.R. Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.90	a) 0.90
23.	RIGID PVC PIPES	M/s Raghavendra Plastic Inds. (P) Ltd., Nandilapadu, Tadipatri, Anantapur Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.90	a) 0.90
24.	INJECTION MOULDED ARTICLES	M/s Tejakiran Plastics (P) Ltd., Penulonda (V), Anantapur Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.60	a) 1.60
25.	INJECTION & BLOW MOULDED ARTICLES	M/s Rekha Plastecan (P) Ltd., Mettagudem (V), Nuzvid (M), Krishna Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.00	a) 1.00
26.	HDPE WOVEN SACKS	M/s Sai Ram Polybags Pvt. Ltd., Mylavaram Road, Gandhinagar, Nuzvid (M), Krishna Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.40	a) 1.40
IV. LEATHER & RUBBER					
27.	LEATHER SHOES	M/s Ibez Leathers (P) Ltd., Aravind Industrial Estate, Bolaram, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.20	a) 1.20
28.	LEATHER FINISHING & POLISHING	M/s Rajjan (P) Ltd., Nellore (V), West Godavari Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.20	a) 1.20
29.	RUBBER TUBES (Under Liquidation)	M/s Delta Tubes (P) Ltd., Fangalipeta, E.G. Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.50	a) 2.50
V. METALLURGY, ENGINEERING & ALLIED					
30.	MFG. OF THREAD PLUGS	M/s Ultra Precision Tools Ltd., Solaram, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 3.55	a) 3.55
31.	ERW STEEL TUBES 10,000 TONS/ANNUM (Under Liquidation)	M/s Delhi Tubes (P) Ltd., Nacharam, Rangireddy Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 5.00	a) 5.00
32.	MACHINETOOLS PARTS & ACCESSORIES	M/s Guru Raghavendra Earth Movers (P) Ltd., Autonagar, Vizag.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.40	a) 1.40
33.	SILICON CARBIDE GRAINS	M/s Malcom Abrasive (P) Ltd., Nandigolam (V), Mahabubnagar Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.50	a) 1.50
34.	AUTOMOBILE PARTS ACCESSORIES	M/s Mawag Autos (P) Ltd., Nambur, Guntur Dist.	IV	Only Machinery b) 0.50	b) 0.50
VI. ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS					
35.	DIGITAL PRE-PRESS COLOUR SCANNER	M/s Manroopra Scaners Pvt. Ltd., 4-2-252, Hanumanth Street, Beside Taraknagar Theatre, Rajmahal, Hyderabad.	III	Only Machinery b) 0.85	b) 0.85
36.	SPECIAL STEEL ELECTRODES	M/s Unique Electrodes (P) Ltd., Ranastharam, Srikakulam Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 0.90	a) 0.90

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37.	ELECTRONIC EARTH LEAKAGE CIRCUIT BREAKERS	M/s Jaya Electricals (P) Ltd., Peddaganapeta, Vishakhapatnam Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.40	a) 2.40
38.	GLS LAMPS (Under Liquidation)	M/s A.P. Lightings (P) Ltd., Industrial Development Area, Bellary Road, Anantapur.	II	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 5.00	a) 5.00
VII. FOOD AND AGRO					
39.	a) 30 TPD OIL REFINERY	M/s Shiva Shakti Refineries N-19, Sadashivpet, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 3.10	a) 3.10
39.	b) COLLATERAL SECURITY	Collateral Security Property belonging to Sri Poonam Chand Aggarwal & Harkisan Aggarwal offered by M/s Shiva Shakti Refineries	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 1.20	a) 1.20
40.	30 TPD OIL REFINING PLANT	M/s Ushodaya Oil Refineries (P) Ltd., Thimmapuram, Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.75	a) 2.75
41.	MILK PROCESSING	M/s Meulika Dairy Products (P) Ltd., S. No. 251, Choudupalli (V), Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.50	a) 1.50
42.	IODISED SALT	M/s Joosha Salts (P) Ltd., Talagum (V), Srikakulam Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.00	a) 1.00
43.	MILK PROCESSING	M/s Krishnaveni Milk Products (P) Ltd., Musamapadu Village, Kalluru (V), Guntur Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.20	a) 1.20
44.	MILK PRODUCTS	M/s Kwaliti Beverages & Dairy Products (P) Ltd., Pangudum (V), Davarata Tirumala (M), West Godavari Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.70	a) 1.70
45.	COLD STORAGE	M/s Naikamal Cold Storage (P) Ltd., Bondapally (V), Vizianagaram Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.00	a) 2.00
46.	COLD STORAGE	M/s Sri Satya Krishna Cold Storage (P) Ltd., Rajavolu (V), Rajamahendravaram, E.G. Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 3.00	a) 3.00
VIII. PAPER AND PACKAGING					
47.	KRAFT/POSTER PAPER (Under Liquidation)	M/s Nagarjuna Paper Mills Ltd., IDA, Patancheru, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 5.00	a) 5.00
48.	DUPLEX BOARD	M/s Jyothi Cellulose Ltd. (JCL LTD.), Khazipally, Jinnaram (V), Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 3.20	a) 3.20
49.	COMPUTER STATIONERY	M/s Wynall Compstat (P) LTD., IDA, Nacharam, Rangampudi Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.50	a) 1.50
50.	STRAW BOARDS (Under Liquidation)	M/s Sitaram Straw Boards (P) Ltd., Sattenapalli (V), Guntur Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 2.00	a) 2.00
51.	DECORATIVE LAMINATES	M/s Eswar Laminates (P) Ltd., Peddapalli (V), Gannavaram (M), Krishna Dist.	IV	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.00	a) 1.00
IX. TEXTILES					
52.	SHODDY WOOLEN YARN	M/s SS Wool & Allied Industries (P) Ltd., Gummudala (V), Jinnaram (V), Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.70	a) 1.70
53.	PRINTING & DYING	M/s Sidi Vinayaka Synthetics (P) Ltd., Kothur, Mahabubnagar Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 3.00	a) 3.00
X. GRANITES & MARBLE PROCESSING					
54.	PROCESSING OF GRANITE SLABS	M/s Excel Granites (P) Ltd., Panthi, Warangal (M), Warangal Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.40	a) 1.40
XI. MISCELLANEOUS					
55.	POULTRY FARM	M/s Balaji Chicks (P) Ltd., Snyampet, Warangal Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 1.25	a) 1.25
56.	NURSING HOME	M/s Sri Sai Hospitals Devarakonda Road, Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. & Machinery a) 5.30	a) 5.30
57.	NURSING HOME	M/s Vijayachandra Reddy Poly Clinic (P) Ltd., Proddur, Cuddapah Dist.	III	Medical Equipment b) 0.25	b) 0.25
58.	2 STAR HOTEL	M/s Penna Hotels (P) Ltd., Cuddapah	III	Land, Bldgs. & Equipment a) 5.00	a) 5.00
XII. LAND & BUILDINGS ONLY					
59.	Land Bldgs	1145.92 Sq.M. 557 Sq.M. M/s Zephyr Containers (P) Ltd., IDA Pashyampet, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.25	a) 0.25
60.	Land Bldgs	1 Acre 2,337 Sq.M. M/s Peacock Packaging Systems Pvt. Ltd., Khazipally, Jinnaram (V), Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
61.	Land Bldgs	36 Guntas 312 Sq.M. M/s Ganapathy Polybags (P) Ltd., Bonthapally, Jinnaram (V), Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.25	a) 0.25
62.	Land Bldgs	2 Acres 633 Sq.M. M/s Global Granites (P) Ltd., Bonthapally, Medak Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
63.	Land Bldgs	25 Acres 5,652 Sq.M. (8th Survey) 177 acres 2000 Sq.M. M/s Korutla Textiles India Ltd., Linguguda, Choudupalli (V), Nalgonda Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 5.00	a) 5.00
64.	Land Bldgs	2.9 Acres 750 Sq.M. M/s Kaba Fabrics (P) Ltd., Shamsabad, R.R. Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
65.	Land Bldgs	5,760 Sq.M. 545 Sq.M. ACC 274 Sq.M. RCC M/s Vigneshwara Polybags (P) Ltd., Thumakunta (V), Hindupur (M), Anantapur Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
66.	Land Bldgs	2 Acres 847 Sq.M. M/s Brindavan Foundry Products (P) Ltd., Penakonda (M), Anantapur Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
67.	Land Bldgs	12,096 Sq.M. 316 Sq.M. RCC 457 Sq.M. ACC M/s Sreetha Chemicals (P) Ltd., Gajumandam, Chittoor Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
68.	Land Bldgs	5.2 Acres 575 Sq.M. (MS) 645 Sq.M. (DWS) M/s Suman Metallurgical & Chemicals (P) Ltd., Guntakal, Anantapur Dist. (Under Liquidation)	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50
69.	Land Bldgs	2.10 Acres 1,534 Sq.M. RCC M/s SKR Chemicals Ltd., Singarayapalli (V), Kalsabadu Chittoor Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.25	a) 0.25
70.	Land Bldgs	1,495 Sq.M. 458 Sq.M. M/s Valve Tech (P) Ltd., IDA, Gajumandam, Chittoor Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.25	a) 0.25
71.	Land Bldgs	2,529.34 Sq.M. 598 Sq.M. M/s Durga Steel Inds., Autonagar, Vizag.	IV	Land, Bldgs. a) 1.00	a) 1.00
72.	Land Bldgs	45,172 Sq.M. 2,166 Sq.M. ACC 146 Sq.M. RCC M/s Standard Roofings (P) Ltd., Ind. Estate, Rajampet, Srikalahasti, Chittoor Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 2.20	a) 2.20
73.	Land Bldgs	4 Acres 1,368 Sq.M. M/s Bhaskar Cements Ltd., Gafdarine (V), Kurnool Dist.	III	Land, Bldgs. a) 0.50	a) 0.50

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Tender forms shall be obtained from the concerned Assistant General Manager only, on payment of Rs. 100/- For arranging inspection of the Unit, concerned Branch Manager shall be contacted. The sale advertisement is valid for a period of 90 days from the date of this advertisement. Sealed tenders in the prescribed forms are required to be submitted to the concerned Assistant General Manager. However, specified EMD shall be submitted separately by way of Demand Draft / Pay Order in favour of A.P. State Financial Corporation, payable at Hyderabad.
- Persons who intend to bid for the assets can directly participate in the bidding along with the specified EMD. The Tenderers and Bidders will be invited for open bidding on every Wednesday commencing from 13.02.2002 at 2.00 P.M., or such other day as fixed by the Corporation.
- The Sealed Tenders will be opened after the bidding is completed and the highest Bidder / Tenderer is invited for final negotiations.
- If the highest offer arrived at, through the above process is found satisfactory, the sale proposal will be processed further as per procedure.
- In case the highest offer received through above process is not acceptable to the Corporation, the offer will be rejected and receipt of fresh tender, subsequent tender - cum bid process will continue till the validity period of the advertisement.
- The list of units for which sale is considered for finalization will be displayed on the Notice Board for a period of seven days. After expiry of seven days, Tender forms will not be issued and bidding will not be entertained for such units thereafter.
- In case higher offers other than the offer displayed on the Notice Board are received from new bidders / tenderers during the notice period, an additional amount of 15% of the offer shall be paid in addition to the stipulated EMD, which shall form part of the sale consideration. The existing highest bidder / tenderer will also be invited along with the fresh bidders / tenderers for further bidding / negotiation.
- If the offers received are rejected, the EMD (without interest) and the additional 15% amount (with Bank Interest) will be refunded by way of Crossed Cheque. In case the said offer is accepted, the successful bidder / tenderer shall pay requisite sale consideration (including the EMD & 15% additional amount already paid) within the stipulated time mentioned in the sale letter.
- In case the Tenderer / Bidder backs out during the stage of final negotiations or after confirmation of the sale by the Corporation, the EMD and the additional 15% amount will be forfeited.
- The Corporation reserves the right to accept / reject the tenders & bids or to vary the terms and conditions and to cancel it at its sole discretion without assigning any reasons.

Sf.
ASST. GENERAL MANAGER / A/C
(AMC/BIFR/RSR Zone - III & IV)

Hyderabad
Date : 26-01-2002

China asks Dalai Lama to return

Beijing, Feb. 2: China urged Tibet's spiritual leader the Dalai Lama to end his exile life in India and return "home" after renouncing his struggle for "Tibetan independence".

"The (Chinese) Central government still waits for the 14th Dalai Lama to give up his independence demand and end his exile life and return home," the official Xinhua news agency quoted an article in the latest issue of China's *Tibet* magazine as saying. The magazine, an official publication, hoped that the Dalai Lama would "size up the situation, and make a correct decision by returning to the embrace of the motherland."

Beijing's fresh invitation came on the same day when the 66-year-old Tibetan Buddhist leader was discharged from a Mumbai hospital after recovering from a howel infection and ahead of US President George W Bush's first "working visit" to Beijing from February 21-22.

Extending an olive branch, the article was severely critical of the Nobel Peace Prize winner for pursuing a policy of Tibetan independence. "The 14th Dalai Lama is reluctant to negotiate with the Central government because he still stands for Tibetan independence," it said adding "to this end, he kept readjusting his strategy to cope with the changing international situation". (PTI)

Pak recalls troops from civil duty

Military officials shifted to borders from anti-graft drive

Islamabad, Feb. 2: The Pakistan Army has recalled its officers and personnel from civilian assignments to their units in view of the continuing Indian military build-up on the borders, reports said on Saturday.

An unspecified number of Army personnel have been engaged in clearing corruption from the civilian administration.

Orders to Lieutenant General Syed Mohammad Amjad to take over as head of the military welfare trust, have been reversed and he has been asked to continue to command the strike II armoured corps in the current tense situation, the newspaper *The Nation* said.

Vice Chief of Army Staff General Muhammad Yousof Khan visited his troops in forward positions in Kashmir where the Indian and Pakistani forces have been routinely "fring at each other across the ceasefire line, according to the newspaper *Jang*. But the Taliban spirit lives on, as do many thousands of sympathisers.

"The Taliban are all around us. It's not a matter of wearing a white turban or a black turban. It's the attitude that doesn't change," said one Kandahar politician.

"It's part of our identity. You'll only truly rid Afghanistan of the Taliban when you rid the country of poverty and ignorance," which is just what the Soviets tried to do, and failed.

The sense of *deja vu* doesn't end there. The Soviets sought to defend their brand of socialism, to protect their southern frontier against radical Islamic movements, and to counter expanding Pakistani influence.

What of the American troops and the "bow-hows" — the nickname the Afghans have given the mighty B-52s and the awesome destructiveness of their bombs? Washington says it will stay until its objectives are achieved, namely, the death or capture of Bin Laden and the annihilation of his Al Qaeda network. But if the B-52s do depart, will there be civil war once again? Many Afghans think only the US military presence is keeping the peace.

"If they go, we'll start fighting one another again," said a taxi driver. And if the United States forces stay on, what then? A former Taliban commander, now working for the new government's secret police, said he thought the Americans had a grace period of about six months.

"We all need a rest," he said. "But if they're still here after six months, well..." He didn't complete the sentence, but the Soviets would have known exactly what he meant. (DPA)



Pakistani police search a graveyard in Karachi after receiving a message that missing US reporter Daniel Pearl was killed by his kidnapers and his body dumped in a city graveyard. Police received conflicting messages, one message saying Pearl had been killed but another demanding a ransom of \$2 million. (AFP)

Appointment of Armymen as Pak judges draws flak

Islamabad, Feb. 2: Pakistan's military government has issued a decree to appoint Army officers as judges in special anti-terrorism courts but critics have said the move was a violation of the rule of law and undemocratic.

The decree, issued by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, provides for the inclusion of one Army officer and two civilians in three-judge courts that will try offences classified as terrorism.

"We are against militarisation of courts," said Farhatullah Babar, a spokesman for self-exiled former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

The decree was issued late on Thursday.

Pakistan's main human rights group called the move "a new and serious hurdle in the way of restoring meaningful democracy."

The new regulation will put civilian and military judges together in the same court in Pakistan for the first time in three decades.

The military has ruled Pakistan for about half of the country's 54 years in existence.

The new ordinance, the text of which was published Friday, amends an anti-terrorism act of 1997 under which one-judge or two-judge civilian courts tried people accused of terrorist offences such as kidnapping for ransom, hijacking and inciting religious or ethnic hatred.

But the amending ordinance says the existing anti-terrorist courts will cease to exist after the establishment of the new courts, which will be made up of two civilian judges and an Army officer of a rank not lower than lieutenant-colonel.

Jazeera blames reporter for bad interview with Osama

Doha, Feb. 2: Qatar's al-Jazeera satellite channel, angry at having its professionalism questioned by CNN, tried to explain on Saturday why it did not air an exclusive videotape of Osama bin Laden.

The station issued a statement saying the October 21 interview carried out by former Kabul correspondent Tayssir Alluni "did not represent the slightest level of objectivity and professionalism."

Alluni had put under "strong psychological pressure, which prevented him from carrying out (the interview) in a professional way", the statement said.

"Alluni had been given a list of questions which he had to ask bin Laden. The list included only a small number of questions proposed jointly by al-Jazeera and CNN to members of al-Qaida," it said.

Jazeera's editor-in-chief Ibrahim Helal, said on Saturday that Osama had imposed unacceptable conditions on the Jazeera reporter who conducted the interview.

"He wasn't allowed to challenge Laden. He was told to run it in full. It was not professional," Helal told the *World Economic Forum* in New York.

A journalist for the Arabic station said Jazeera had not wanted to do a mouthpiece for bin Laden and added: "The interview was not that newsworthy. It was full of preaching and looked like a (Muslim) Friday sermon."

Al-Jazeera has won popularity among Arab audiences by exploring political subjects considered taboo by other stations in the Arab world, which are mostly State-run.

Gulf Arab sources said Jazeera may have decided against airing the tape because in it Laden attacks Qatar for backing the US war in Afghanistan. (Agencies)

40 killed as Dostum, Atta soldiers clash

Kabul, Feb. 2: About 40 fighters loyal to rival commanders have been killed in clashes in several parts of the Northern Afghan province of Balkh, faction sources said on Saturday.

They said fighting broke out on Friday between commanders loyal to the Junbish-e-Millie group of Uzbek warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum and Ustad Mohammad Atta of the Jamiat-e-Islami.

"It was not a major fighting to become a cause of concern," said Bahrami, an official from a third group, not involved in the fighting, the *Hezb-e-Wahdat*.

"Only between 30 to 40 men from both sides have been killed." The clashes took place in Sholgar, south of Mazar-e-Sharif, Chimal to the west and Dawlatabad to the north.

Bahrami said the fighting had ended after both sides sent delegations to discuss the matter, describing it as battle for territory or territorial rival factions.

Sibghatullah Zaki, a spokesman for General Dostum, confirmed the fighting, but said the casualties "it is over now. There is no tension or fighting," Zaki said, adding that it was a "local incident."

Dostum's and Atta's troops marched into Mazar-e-Sharif when the Taliban were forced out by intense US bombing in November.

Relations have been reported as tense with both sides seeking control of disputed areas they had lost earlier to the Taliban.

Early this month, Dostum's men were engaged in clashes in Kunduz, east of Mazar. (Reuters)

Nepal woos Indians for Mahashivaratri

Kathmandu, Feb. 2: Nepal will pay special attention to attract Indian tourists during the approaching Mahashivaratri festival to be held here in the famous Pashupatinath temple. Nepal aims to attract about 400,000 visitors from India as well as devotees from within to the largest Hindu temple of the country on Mahashivaratri — which falls on March 12 this year. An estimated 150,000 people from India and Nepal worshipped at the Pashupatinath temple on this occasion last year.

The Pashupati Area Development Trust, along with the Nepal Tourism Board, is also trying to attract the *Peethadhish* of various *Peeths* in India, religious figures and journalists during the greatest festival of worshiping Nepal's presiding deity Lord Pashupati Nath, an incarnation of Lord Shiva. A joint team of the board and the trust will organise programmes at various religious places in India to promote Nepal as a tourist destination and would, in the process, invite Indian religious figures to visit their country, Chaudhary said. (PTI)

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NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX

GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE

Regional Director, HRPV, Nuclear Fuel Complex, Dept., of Atomic Energy, ECIL (PO), Hyderabad - 500 062, invites sealed tenders as detailed below:

TENDER NO. HRPV/ET/02/02/02
LAST DATE FOR SALE OF TENDER SET : UPTO 3:00 PM, on 5-3-2002
LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF TENDER : 2:00 PM, ON 20-3-2002
DATE OF OPENING OF PART - I : 11:00 A.M. ON 21-3-2002
DATE OF OPENING OF PART - II : 11:00 A.M. ON 21-5-2002

Description of Stores : Quantity
1. Design, Manufacture and supply of 13 TE to 15 TE capacity, 15 or more die-station, Automatic Rotary Compacting Press Equipped with Tooling, Pressure Compensation System, drive and Controls and with