

3 firms chosen for supply of colour TVs

Videocon Industries is the lowest bidder: Stalin

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CHENNAI: The State Government has chosen three companies for supply of 30,000 colour television sets at a cost of Rs.2965 each to be distributed in the first phase.

In a *suo motu* statement in the Assembly, Local Administration Minister M.K. Stalin said among them, the lowest bidder, Videocon Industries (New Delhi) would supply 15,000 television sets while Kitchen Appliances India (Mumbai) and Dixon Technologies India (Noida) would supply 7500 sets each.

Managing Director of the Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) Umashankar had told the meeting of the committee of Legislators comprising representatives of political parties for the scheme, on Thursday that all the three bidders had agreed to supply the sets within the prescribed deadline, he said.

Mr. Umashankar had told the meeting that following the national competitive bidding, ten firms bid for the contract and the bids were opened in the presence of their representatives at 3.15 p.m. on July 24 at the Elcot conference hall.

Detailed review

He had also said the bids of seven technically eligible firms were taken for a detailed review.

Of them, Videocon Industries had quoted Rs.3088.55, which was the

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lowest bid. During further talks held with representatives of the company, it was agreed to fix the price at Rs.2965.

Unanimously approved

The other two lowest bidders also agreed to supply the television sets at the same cost. However, three other bidders gave in writing that they could not scale down the cost to the price quoted by the lowest bidder.

The committee had unanimously approved the decision, Mr. Stalin said.

Denies AIADMK charge

Later, intervening in the debate on the revised budget for 2006-2007, Mr. Stalin denied the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's charge that residents of Samathuvapuram, who were among the beneficiaries of the first phase of the colour television distribution programme, were members of the ruling party.

A committee comprising among others Collector, District Revenue Officer and Adi Dravida Welfare officer chose the allottees of the Samathuvapuram houses, he said.