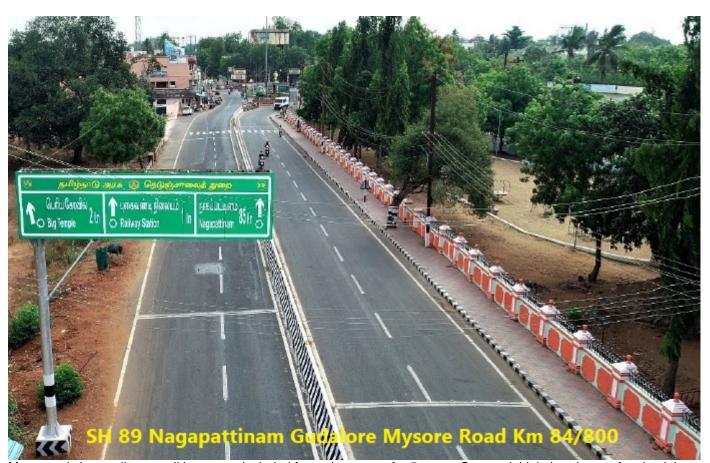
## Twitter Thread by <u>Jayaram Venkatesan</u>





Thread: This thread explains how Edappadi Palanisamys Highways Dept is involved in huge tender frauds. 2 area based comprehensive road improvement strengthening & maintenance contracts for laying and widening thanjavur roads worth Rs 656 Cr & Rs 494 Cr were floated in Oct 2020



Many roads in excellent conditions were included for maintenance for 5 years. One wud think that d cost of maintaining good roads will be lesser than usual. However, while earlier tenders had cost of Rs 1 Cr/Km, these 2 tenders were given Rs 3.15 Cr/Km & Rs 1.95 Cr/ Km resp.

Tender	Total Kms	Total cost (Rs)	Cost / Km
2020_HWAY_182929_1	208	656 Crores	Rs 3.15 Crores
2020_HWAY_182935_1	254	494 Crores	Rs 1.95 Crores

Rs 656 Crore tender was due to be opened on Nov 18 at 11 Am and Rs 494 Crore tender was due to be opened at Nov 19 at 11 Am. Our CM keeps repeatedly saying that these r e tenders and that no ones knows who participates in these tenders until they r opened.

Title	AB-CRISM 1A								
Work Description	Area Based Comprehensive Road Improvements, Strengthening and Maintenance in State Highways and Major District Roads for a Length of 208.334 Km in Thanjavur and Orathanadu Sub divisions of Thanjavur H CandM Division								
Pre Qualification Details	As per PQ Document 2020 HWAY 182929 1								
Independent External Monitor/Remarks	NA	_							
Tender Value in ₹	6,55,60,00,00	0	Product Category	Civil Works - Roads	Sub ca	ategory	NA		
Contract Type	Tender		Bid Validity(Days)	90	Period Of Work(Days)		1825		
Location	THANJAVUR		Pincode	613001	Pre Bid Meeting Place		Trich		
Pre Bid Meeting Address	O/o the Superintending Engineer. Highways CandM, Tvs Tollgate, Trichy 20		Pre Bid Meeting Date	27-Oct- 2020 11:00 AM	Bid Opening Place		Trich		
Should Allow NDA Tender	No		Allow Preferential Bidder	No					
Critical Dates									
Publish Date	16-Oct-2020 10:00 AM		Bid Opening Date			18-Nov-2020 11:00 AM			
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Clarification Start Date NA		Clarification End Date			NA				
Bid Submission Start Date 02-Nov-2020 09:00 AM		Bid Submission End Date			16-Nov-2020 03:00 PM				

He says no one knows who will participate in these tenders and who will win the tender. However, we have just exposed how this argument of the CM is a huge lie. In both these tenders, as per CM no one knows until Nov 18 11 Am about the participants & the winners of the tender

Work / Item(s)									
Title	AB-CRISM 1B	AB-CRISM 1B							
Work Description	Area Based Comprehensive Road Improvements, Strengthening and Maintenance in State Highways and Major District Roads for a Length of 253,877 Km in Pattukottai and Peravurani Sub divisions of Thanjavur H CandM Division								
Pre Qualification Details	As per PQ Do	As per PQ Document							
Independent External Monitor/Remarks	NA	2020_HW	/AY_182935_	1					
Tender Value in ₹	4,93,70,00,00	0	Product Category	Civil Works - Roads	Sub ca	ategory	NA		
Contract Type	Tender		Bid Validity(Days)	90	Period Of Work(Days)		1825		
Location	THANJAYUR		Pincode	613001	Pre Bid Meeting Place		Trichy		
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However, <u>@</u>Arappor sent a email on Nov 18 at 9.42 Am to Highways Secretary & Finance Secretary naming the person who will win these tenders. Given there r hundreds of contractors, for <u>@</u>arappor to exactly say who will win the tender is impossible unless these tenders r prefixed



## Complaint on prefixing of AB-CRISM Highway tenders of Thanjavur

Contact Arappor <contact@arappor.org> To: hwaysec@tn.gov.in, finsec@tn.gov.in **Highways Secretary** 

Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 9:42 AM

Dear Mr S.Krishnan IAS and Mr A.Karthik IAS,

This is Jayaram Venkatesan, Convenor of Arappor lyakkam working towards Transparency and Accountability in Governance.

On 08/07/2020, I had written a detailed representation to you seeking immediate action on the various illegalities that have been taking place in the award of Highway Tenders. In particular, I had written to

Email புகார் நாள்: 18 நவம்பர் 2020 நேரம்: காலை 9:42



I have received a specific input that AB-CRISM tender 2020\_HWAY\_182929\_1 with tender value Rs 655,60,00,000 has again been prefixed for 'RR Infra Construction' and AB CRISM tender

2020\_HWAY\_182935\_1 with tender value Rs 493,70,00,000 has been prefixed for 'JSV Construction'. I have also heard that the other bidders will just be dummy bidders to enable the above to win tenders.

2020\_HWAY\_182929\_1

655.6 Crore

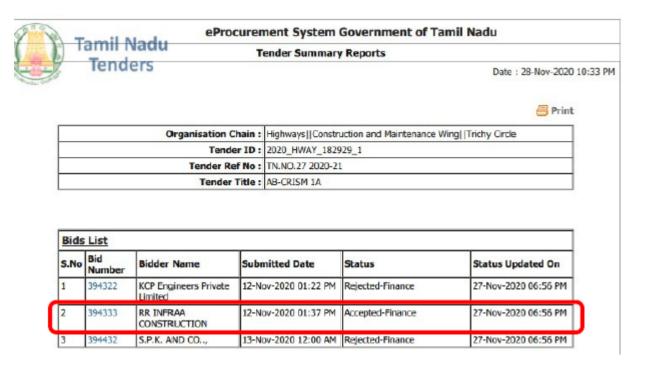
**RR Infra Construction** 

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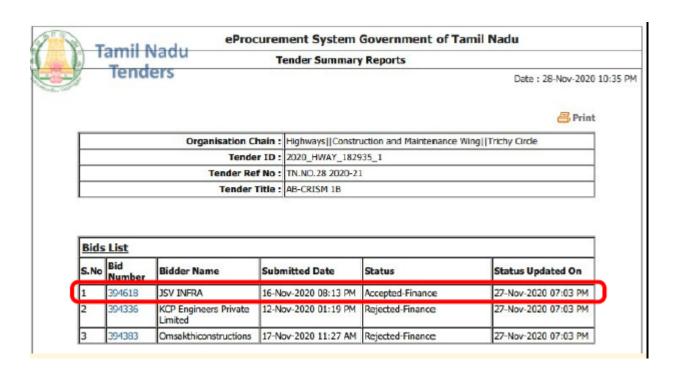
493.7 Crore

**JSV Construction** 

The results of these tenders have now come out & <u>@Arappor</u> was spot on with respect to the contractors who will win these tenders. Its not a matter of any mathematical probablility prediction but a sheer fraud done on d ppl of TamilNadu by CM's Highways Dept by prefixing d tenders



We said that the first tender has been prefixed to RR Infra & second one to JSV in the email. One can see that the final result of the tenders also point out the same. This is not only violation of TN tender transparency act but also prima facie Corruption to enrich & benefit few



Earlier these tenders were floated together as Performance based maintenance contract & they were also cancelled in July after Arappor named the winner RR Infra even before the tender was opened. The fraudulent practise by CMs highways Dept is there for all to see

Firstly, these r not e tenders. Participants hv to get machinery/ plant certificate from Highways engineer that requires bidders to go and meet them physically to get it. Its learnt that bidders r told that d tender has already been prefixed for a specific person by the top!

Thats how physical points of contact & requirement of certificate from officials help in prefixing these tenders by not allowing others to participate. Contractors who try to legally fight these come under heavy political pressure and they withdraw cases like this tender.

If these 2 tenders were given cost as per earlier similar tenders which is Rs 1 Cr/Km, then d entire 2 tenders together wud only cost Rs 462 Cr. The current cost stated in Rs 1150 Cr. The difference is Rs 688 Crores in just this on tender. Its all our tax money!

Now will CM Edappadi Palanisamy & Highways Secretary Karthik IAS take action on these fraudulent tenders. If they dont take action, what is their role in this fraud which is prima facie Corruption? I dont need to state the obvious as each of you know the truth!

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