



Terms of Reference (TOR) for Consultancy Services

Title	Strengthening Climate-Resilient Livelihoods Across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland
Timeline	From the date of signing of the agreement to 15 March 2027
Expected area of expertise	Livelihood enhancement, climate-resilient practices, capacity building, appropriate technology, renewable energy applications, energy efficiency, mentoring and handholding of end users, and field-level implementation
Apply Link	https://forms.gle/Yg71nCN5xgSoDxz1A (Contact Procurement for Form Link)
Last Date for Apply	17th August 2026, 5:00 PM

About SELCO Foundation:

SELCO Foundation's mission is to create a platform of solutions that uses sustainable energy as a catalyst to bridge environmental sustainability and poverty alleviation. With holistic development as the primary focus, the organization strives to create equitable societies, where services are accessed by all communities. The interventions of SELCO lead to a sustainable delivery model of essential services like livelihoods, education, and health till the last mile. (Read more about SELCO here: <http://www.selcofoundation.org/>)

1. About the Programmes:

Vulnerable end users across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland depend on natural-resource-based livelihoods that are increasingly exposed to climate-related risks, including floods, erratic rainfall, and shifting agro-climatic conditions. Farmers and community institutions across these geographies continue to face challenges in accessing appropriate technologies, renewable energy applications, and structured capacity-building support that can strengthen climate resilience.

SELCO Foundation proposes to strengthen climate-resilient livelihoods across Assam and Nagaland by mentoring champion end users, documenting climate-resilient Packages of Practices, and demonstrating need-based energy-efficient solutions across relevant livelihood value chains.

SELCO Foundation proposes to onboard an implementing partner who will mentor champion end users, build capacities of vulnerable end users, demonstrate appropriate technologies and renewable energy applications, and document field-level implementation for wider knowledge sharing.

The selected organisation/individual will work closely with SELCO Foundation to strengthen community institutions and support the adoption of practical, replicable solutions across Assam, Nagaland, and the wider North Eastern Region.

2. Objective:

The engagement aims to:

- Strengthen climate-resilient livelihoods through mentoring, capacity building, and demonstration of appropriate technologies.
- Mentor and build capacities of champion end users and vulnerable end users across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland.
- Support the adoption of renewable energy applications, energy-efficient equipment, and mechanisation suited to local livelihoods.
- Document climate-resilient practices into practical Packages of Practices for wider knowledge sharing.
- Demonstrate need-based energy-efficient solutions across relevant livelihood value chains such as paddy, fisheries, tea, and seed systems.
- Strengthen community institutions and facilitate peer learning and knowledge sharing among end users.
- Generate practical, field-based learnings that can inform wider knowledge sharing and strengthening of the livelihood ecosystem.

3. Scope of Work

The implementing partner will be responsible for the following three areas of work:

Area	Detailed Tasks
1. Capacity Building and Livelihood Enhancement of Champion End Users	• Mentor and provide continuous handholding support to 25 champion end users across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland identified in consultation with SELCO Foundation for Selected Agri Value chains like Paddy, Pineapple, Jackfruit, Tea, Seed Production, Turmeric, Ginger, Horticultural crops, Nursery, IOT Irrigation. Selected Farmers can Practices either one or integrated of these value chains • Selected Farmers are in Organic/ Sustainable agri Practices/ should be Model to Other fellow farmers and Should be Less than 5 acres or Below Poverty line with proper proofs while selecting. • Build capacities of vulnerable end users on improved production practices, post-harvest management, quality improvement, climate-resilient practices, and livelihood enhancement. • Facilitate market linkages, peer learning, field demonstrations, and exposure visits to strengthen the adoption of good practices. • Support end users in adopting appropriate technologies, renewable energy applications, mechanisation, and energy-efficient solutions that improve productivity, reduce drudgery, and enhance climate resilience.

	• Submit periodic progress updates documenting activities undertaken, end users reached, and key outcomes achieved.
2. Documentation of Climate-Resilient Packages of Practices	• Document practical Packages of Practices for flood-prone and climate-vulnerable geographies across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland. • Capture locally relevant production practices, post-harvest management techniques, renewable energy applications, mechanisation approaches, and climate adaptation measures followed by successful end users. • Develop practical documentation supported with photographs, illustrations, seasonal calendars, and field observations that can be adopted by other vulnerable end users. • Submit completed Packages of Practices and associated documentation to SELCO Foundation for wider dissemination.
3. Implementation of Need-Based Energy-Efficient Solutions Across Livelihood Value Chains	• Identify, demonstrate, and support the adoption of need-based energy-efficient and climate-resilient solutions across livelihood value chains such as paddy, fisheries, tea, seed systems, and other locally relevant sectors, in consultation with SELCO Foundation. • Demonstrate appropriate technologies, renewable energy applications, mechanisation, processing equipment, storage solutions, drying systems, irrigation technologies, and other interventions that address local livelihood challenges. • Showcase practical value-addition opportunities that strengthen livelihoods, improve resource efficiency, and reduce post-harvest losses. • Submit documentation for each demonstrated solution, including the technology used, application, implementation process, photographs, key learnings, and recommendations for wider adoption.
4. Advisory on sustainable agriculture practices	• Global and national trends on sustainable regen and agri practices. • Programs that other organisations are doing across the world to make food systems better • Relevance for selco programs

4. Roles and Responsibilities

SELCO Foundation responsible for:

- Selection and finalization of champion end users for programme and geographies which identified by consultation with the implementing partner.
- Finalization of Technologies /solutions for end-users and gap support
- Provide technical guidance and review inputs on Packages of Practices and technology demonstrations.
- Review periodic progress updates and provide feedback on implementation.
- Support coordination with community institutions and ecosystem partners, where required.
- Release payments in accordance with the agreed Payment Terms and milestones.

The Organisation/Individual is expected to:

- Identification of End users through Field assessment by deploy field teams and personnel required to mentor champion end users and implement the Scope of Work described above.
- Undertake day-to-day field implementation, documentation, and reporting across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland.
- Coordinate with community institutions, government departments, and ecosystem partners for effective delivery.
- Submit periodic progress updates, deliverables, and a completion report as per the agreed milestones and Payment Terms.
- Bear responsibility for the quality, accuracy and timeliness of all deliverables submitted to SELCO Foundation.

5. Deliverables to be provided (Detailed Deliverables, Week Wise/Quarter Wise/Month Wise to be provided)

The implementing partner is expected to produce the following implementation-focused deliverables:

Deliverable	Required Output	Required Number
Champion End User Mentoring Programme	Champion end users mentored with continuous handholding support across improved production practices, post-harvest management, and climate-resilient practices	25 Champion End Users
Capacity Building Sessions and Field Demonstrations	Capacity building sessions, field demonstrations, and exposure visits facilitated for champion and vulnerable end users	2 sessions on-site
Climate-Resilient Packages of Practices	Packages of Practices documented for climate-vulnerable geographies across Assam and Nagaland, supported by photographs, illustrations, seasonal calendars, and field observations	2 Packages of Practices
Need-Based Energy-Efficient Solution Demonstrations	Energy-efficient and climate-resilient solutions demonstrated across relevant livelihood value chains such as paddy, fisheries, tea, and seed systems	1 report
Advisory on Regenerative Agriculture	Global and national trends on sustainable regenerative and agri practices, and how SELCO can adopt them into its programming	1 Webinar

6. Selection Criteria:

The selection of the organisation/individual will be based on:

Evaluation Component	Criteria Focus	Weighting (%)	Required Evidence in Proposal
1. Field & Sector Experience	<i>Field experience in mentoring farmers and vulnerable end users on climate-resilient livelihoods; 15+ years of Agriculture and allied experience with focus on paddy, fisheries, and natural farming systems.</i>		
2. Regional & Implementation Experience	<i>Experience working with communities in Assam, Meghalaya and/or Nagaland, with demonstrated capacity for on-ground implementation and handholding support.</i>		
3. Facilitation & Capacity Building	<i>Experience in facilitating capacity-building sessions and field demonstrations.</i>		
4. Technical Understanding	<i>Practical understanding of climate-resilient technologies and renewable energy applications.</i>		
5. Documentation Experience	<i>Experience in documenting field practices and developing Packages of Practices.</i>		
6. Team, Approach & Cost Effectiveness	<i>Team composition and proposed implementation approach; cost effectiveness and potential for wider adoption.</i>		
TOTAL		100%	

Selection of 25 Champion Farmers for Programme:

- Selected farmers should be practicing Agri Value chains like Paddy, Pineapple, Jackfruit, Tea, Seed Production, Turmeric, Ginger, Horticultural crops, Nursery, IOT Irrigation. Selected Farmers can practice either one or integrated of these value chains suitability to NE context.
- Selected Farmers are following Organic/Sustainable agri Practices/Role Model to Other fellow farmers and should be less than 5 acres or Below Poverty Line with proper proofs while selecting.
- Champion Farmers are willingness to open to Innovations demo, Testing of New technologies.
- Selected Farmers may get up to 80% or max 6 lakh, whichever is lower, Financial Gap support based on Innovation types and Scale solutions. They have to contribute minimum of 20% Total Project costs/solutions cost.

7. Submission Requirements:

Interested agencies (individuals, teams, or agencies) are requested to submit the following by before deadline

1. **Organizational/Individual Profile:** Overview of your team/experience.
2. **Relevant Portfolio:** Examples of previous work in the development sector, complex issue advocacy, or narrative design, Compliance Documents
3. **Financial Proposal:** Detailed quotation for the execution of the entire scope of work.

Please ensure your application directly addresses your capability to own the end-to-end execution of communication design across strategy, production, and dissemination. Agencies are asked to account for flexibility in terms of time allocation or the number of deliverables for the required scope of work which is possible in the given duration of the campaign.

Note: Applicants are required to submit **applications to apply in the link below**. Each application should detail the plan, methodology, and deliverables specific as per the requirement mention in the scope of work.

8. Intellectual Property

All final outputs, templates, and visual assets created under this engagement will be the intellectual property of SELCO Foundation and will be freely available for public sharing under an open-source license.

9. Payment Terms:

It will be deliverable-based, with quarterly payments made in accordance with the terms agreed upon between the consultant and SELCO Foundation. Please provide your proposal and quotation for the above-mentioned program requirements. Capture Timelines and Split cost wherever possible.

10. Application Process

If your enterprise meets the eligibility criteria and is interested in collaborating with the SELCO Foundation, please complete the application form linked below with the required information. Agency / Consultant are requested to upload their technical proposals and financial quotations directly into the application form.

Provide split costs as per deliverables based:

Please provide your proposal and quotation as per deliverables based and mentioned program requirements. Capture Timelines and Split cost wherever possible.

11. To apply

Interested consultants / organisations, with relevant experience (please include samples and/or references of the previous similar work as proof of experience) and based out of India are requested to reach out with a detailed proposal giving a brief on the methodology and the process they will uptake for this project, including budgets (with break-ups and explanation), timelines and milestones and submit the same to google form <https://forms.gle/Yg71nCN5xgSoDxz1A> on before **17th August 2026, 5:00 PM.**

Any further queries please write to procurement@selcofoundation.org with a subject line: **"TOR for Strengthening Climate-Resilient Livelihoods Across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland"** (Name of Project)

Financial Proposal Template: Budget Breakdown & HR Allocation

Collaborators are requested to use this template to provide a transparent breakdown of the costs associated with the annual contract.

Section A: Strategic & Foundational Work (Lump Sum)

This section covers the initial, high-value foundational work, typically billed as a one-time setup fee.

Foundational Activity	Estimated HR Days	Key Personnel	Proposed Cost (Lump Sum/Setup Fee)
Implementation Plan Development & Baseline Survey	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
Identification & Selection of 25 Champion Farmers (value chain mapping)	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
Technology / Solution Selection for Demonstrations	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
TOTAL STRATEGIC SETUP COST			<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>

Section B: Deliverable-wise Budget Breakdown

This section breaks down costs based on the quantifiable deliverables defined in the Scope of Work and Deliverables sections above.

Deliverable	Required Number	Estimated HR Days	Key Personnel	Cost Per Unit (INR)	Total Cost (INR)
Champion End User Mentoring Programme	25 Champion End Users	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]
Capacity Building Sessions & Field Demonstrations	2 sessions on-site	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]
Climate-Resilient Packages of Practices	2 Packages of Practices	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]
Need-Based Energy-Efficient Solution Demonstrations	1 report	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]
Advisory on Regenerative Agriculture	1 Webinar	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]
SUB-TOTAL DELIVERABLE COST					[Collaborator Input]

Section C: HR Allocation & Management

This section summarises the key personnel and their monthly time dedication to the engagement.

Role/Personnel Title	Description of Responsibility	Monthly Time Allocation	Monthly Retainer/Salary
Project Lead / Coordinator	Overall project management, SELCO liaison, and quality assurance across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland.	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]
Field Mentors / Agronomists	Mentoring and handholding of 25 champion end users; capacity building and field demonstrations.	[Collaborator Input]	[Collaborator Input]

Technical / Renewable Energy Expert	<i>Identification and demonstration of need-based energy-efficient solutions across livelihood value chains.</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
Documentation & M&E Specialist	<i>Development of Climate-Resilient Packages of Practices and periodic progress reporting.</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
TOTAL MONTHLY HR ALLOCATION			<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>

Section D: Total Contract Value Summary

Description	Amount
A. Total Strategic Setup Cost (Lump Sum)	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
B. Total Deliverable-wise Cost (Section B)	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
C. Total HR/Management Cost (Section C Monthly Cost x number of engagement months)	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
D. Contingency / Innovative Engagements (e.g., 5% of B+C)	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>
E. TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT VALUE (A + B + C + D)	<i>[Collaborator Input]</i>

Note: If any travel is required, kindly mention the tentative budget along with the number of days of travel.

Refer Terms and Condition:

1. Sub-contracting:

In the event that the Consultant requires the services of subcontractors to perform any obligations under the Contract, the Consultant shall obtain the prior written approval of the Foundation. Any rejection or non-performance of the subcontractor shall not, in and of itself, entitle the Consultant to claim any delays in the performance, or to assert any excuses for the non-performance, of any of its obligations under the Contract, and the Consultant shall be solely responsible for all services, obligations and deliverables performed by its subcontractors

2. Quality Assurance

The data submitted to Selco Foundation should be accurate, complete, reliable and relevant. Consulting agency shall establish additional layers for data cleaning and submission.

3. Financials & Reporting

TDS will be deducted on the fixed amount as per Income Tax Act and Rate of Percentage. In accordance with the Central Board of Direct Taxes circular No. 7 of 2022 dated 30th March, 2022 in relation to the clarifications with respect to Section 114AAA of the Income-tax Rules, 1962, failure to link Aadhar number to the PAN card and/or failure by any person, who falls within the income tax bracket or otherwise, to file tax returns in relation to payment of TDS for any service (in accordance with Section 206AB and 206AA) and/or an inoperative PAN card will result in a 20% tax deduction.

4. Indemnification

Both parties shall indemnify and hold its Trustees, Directors and representative officers, employees, agents harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, losses, liabilities, charges, damages, costs and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or resulting from (1) any claims arising in connection with activities undertaken by both parties in connection with the project or (2) Consultant's gross negligence or willful misconduct or breach of any undertaking, covenant, representation or warranty contained in this agreement and/ or the actual infringement of any patent, trademark, copyrights, trade secret or any other intellectual property right of the third party.

5. Patent, Copyright and other Proprietary Rights

- i. Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the Foundation shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Consultant has developed for the Foundation under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the Foundation.
- ii. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all documents, reports, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Consultant under the Contract shall be the property of the Foundation, shall be made available for use or inspection by the Foundation at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to the Foundation's authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract
- iii. The Consultant will treat all information given to him/her as information with proprietary value and will not disclose the same to competitors or any outsiders. The Consultant will not at any time, except under legal process, divulge any trade or business secret relating to the Foundation or any customer or agent of the Foundation, which may become known to him by virtue of his position as consultant, save in so far as such disclosure shall be necessary in the interest and for the benefit of the said Foundation and will be true and faithful to the Foundation in all dealings and transactions whatsoever relating to the said Foundation.
- iv. Reports or other data that are developed specifically for the performance of this Contract shall be the property of the Foundation and the Consultant shall deliver reports and data to the Foundation as per the milestones. Dissemination of the reports and any information from the said contracts shall be done with written approval from the Foundation.

6. Publicity, use of name & Logo of the Foundation:

The Consultant shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage or goodwill that it has a contractual relationship with the Foundation, nor shall the Consultant, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem, logo or official seal of the Foundation or that of SELCO in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission of the Foundation.

7. Observance of Law: Compliance with Laws and Regulations: The Consultant will comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and statutory requirements and amendments thereof, in the manufacture and distribution of products and supplies and in providing services to the SELCO and during the term of this Agreement.

Child Labor: The Consultant will, its parent entities, partners or subcontractors nor any of its subsidiary or affiliated entities (if any) is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act of 1986, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

Forced Labor: The Consultant will not engage in any activity that will result in forced or compulsory labor under applicable laws including the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976,

Abuse of Labor: Consultant will act in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and will not violate the rights of labourers as stated in The Factories Act, 1948 and similar legislations.

Working Hours, Overtime, Wages and Other Benefits-Working hours, wages and benefits shall be provided by the Consultant to its staff and employees in accordance with applicable laws including the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

Declaration of blacklisting: Consultant represents and warrants to SELCO that, as on the date of signing of this Purchase Order, it is neither blacklisted/ debarred nor it is under a declaration of ineligibility by Central / State or Semi-Government Organization/Department or Institutions and Public Sector Undertakings in India and abroad. The Consultant further undertakes to duly inform SELCO in the event it is blacklisted subsequent to execution of this Purchase Order.

Compliance with Anti-bribery Laws: Consultant and each of its directors, officers, employees, agents or other (collectively referred to as "Consultant") represent and warrant that it shall not either directly or on behalf of SELCO Foundation give, offer, promise to offer, or authorize the offer, directly or indirectly (proxy bribing), anything of value (such as money, shares, goods or service, gifts or entertainment) to government officials, government customers, potential government customers or foreign government officials including officials of any public international organizations or officials of any political party either in India or abroad ("Officials") with an Intent to influence any act or decision in his or her official capacity Induce the Official to do or omit to do any act in violation of his or her lawful duty to obtain any improper advantage, or Induce to use such Official 's influence improperly to affect or influence an act or decision.

The Consultant shall not provide any offering, promising, giving or receive, solicit or accept a financial or other advantage, or any other thing of value, with the intention of influencing or rewarding the

behaviour of a person in a position of trust to perform a public, commercial or legal function to obtain or retain a commercial advantage.

The Consultant understands and acknowledges that any non- adherence to the warranty as stated herein above will be violation of the provisions of the Indian Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and other applicable laws and legislations ("Anti-bribery Laws").

In addition, Consultant agrees to promptly report to SELCO Foundation of any incident of breach or potential breach of this section.

Compliance with Sexual Harassment of Women (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013 (PoSH): The Consultant shall agree to adhere to the mandates prescribed under the Sexual Harassment of Women (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013, which requires all workplaces to have a Policy and Internal Committee to address complaints of sexual harassment that women may face at the workplace.

8. Termination:

Either party may terminate this contract by giving a notice in writing to the other party stating their intention to terminate the same on the expiration of Seven (7) days from the date of such notice. In addition, the Foundation may also terminate this contract forthwith in the event of any fraud, misconduct or neglect of duties on the part of the Consultant. Any notice to be given hereunder shall be sufficiently given to the Consultant if forwarded by registered post or by Courier Service to the last known postal address of the Consultant and shall be sufficiently given to the Foundation if similarly forwarded to the registered office. Upon the termination of this contract and payment of the said fees due up to such termination, and payment of all disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses incurred up to the date thereof (provided the same have been incurred after obtaining prior approval), the Consultant shall deliver all deeds, documents and paper in his possession relating to the business of the Foundation or as the Foundation shall direct, and shall continue to afford him all reasonable assistance for concluding pending matters at the date of such termination without making any charge thereof.

9. Force Majeure:

- i. *Force majeure* as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, *provided that* such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Consultant
- ii. In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting *force majeure*, the affected Party shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the other Party, of such occurrence or cause if the affected Party is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The affected Party shall also notify the other Party of any other changes in condition or the occurrence of any event which interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of the Contract. Not more than fifteen (15) days following the provision of such notice of *force majeure* or other changes in condition or occurrence, the affected Party shall also submit a statement to the other Party of estimated expenditures that will likely be incurred for the duration of the change in condition or the event of *force majeure*.

- iii. On receipt of the notice or notices required hereunder, the Party not affected by the occurrence of a cause constituting *force majeure* shall take such action as it reasonably considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the affected Party of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform any obligations under the Contract.
- iv. If the Consultant is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, the Foundation shall have the right to suspend or terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in this Contract.
- v. Both the Foundation and the Consultant fully and freely intend to create an independent Contractor relationship under this Contract. Nothing herein shall be deemed to establish a partnership, joint venture, association or employment relationship between the parties. Both parties agree that the consultant has the right to sole and exclusive control over the manner and means employed in performing their activities under this Contract.

10. Settlement of disputes:

- i. The Parties shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof.

Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, the matter shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The venue of the arbitration shall be at Bangalore. Likewise, the jurisdiction will vest with courts in Bangalore.