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Opp. BYCULLA GOODS DEPOT,
PAREL ROAD,

Ref. 64/R/20062/50.

BOMBAY 27. 9th December 1950.

The Chairman,
Election Commission,
New Delhi.



Dear Sir,

Re: Supply of Steel Ballot Boxes.

We had the pleasure of submitting our quotations, vide our letter No. 64/P/17984/50 dated 17th November 1950, to the Director of Industries & Central Stores Purchasing Officer, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay, for the supply of approximately 1,40,000 Nos. of Steel Ballot Boxes. As we now understand that these quotations are to be submitted to you as well, we hereby take pleasure in submitting hereunder the same quotations we have already sent to the Authority mentioned above:-

Brand new Steel Ballot boxes manufactured according to our own type, size and design (sample of which will be sent to you if required) made out of 18 gauge black iron sheet, at Rs. 4/2/- each, delivery in Bombay ex our godown, inclusive of painting charges.

-- Ditto -- made out of 24 gauge black iron sheet, at Rs. 3/14/- each, delivery in Bombay ex our godown, inclusive of painting charges.

The above quotations are exclusive of Sales Tax which will be charged extra if applicable.

The above quotations are based upon the prices of steel prevailing in the market at present. For the manufacture of these boxes, it will be necessary to arrange for release of the required steel in our favour subject to which we are submitting these quotations.

As you will see from our letter-head, we are actual Manufacturers of Steel Drums on a mass scale. We, therefore, possess the requisite

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plant and equipments to manufacture the above mentioned Ballot Boxes on a very large scale. Given the necessary materials, therefore, it is not only a comparatively simple matter for us to manufacture the above quantity of boxes but we are also in a position to turn out a much bigger quantity, in any type or design desired by you, most efficiently and satisfactorily.

We hope our quotations will be found competitive, and we look forward to the pleasure of being favoured with your further valued commands.

Yours faithfully,
HASAMBHOY JETHA

DIRECTOR.

SCIENTIFIC WELDING COMPANY

WELDING & AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERS
BIRDS ROAD, CANTONMENT,
TIRUCHIRAPALLI.



Date 18th Dec. 1950.

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Building up
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To

The Election Commissioner,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in forwarding a drawing of a Ballot Box as designed by Mrs. Leela Menon who is the Proprietor of this Concern. In fact ^{the} a mechanism of the locking arrangement in this box is very simple in actual practice though the drawing doesn't look exactly so. A box of ~~this~~ ^{the} nature was fabricated by us and is being submitted to the Government Officer Concerned in Madras.

We can send one box each to the various contractors concerned if you so desired. The manipulation of the box and the locking arrangement is as follows:-

AUTOMOBILES

All makes of
vehicles can
be repaired
and
Owner driven
cars serviced
at residence.

1. Press the bent Rod with the Thumb till it crosses the first hole in the slotted pipe. Now the slit is opened to drop the cards and bent end of the Rod enters the hole in the body of the box to a length of $3/8$ ". So the box is mechanically ~~in~~ locked. Now, a wire or thread is suitably used through the first hole of the pipe and sealed. The bent Rod will not come out or unlock the box without breaking the seal, as the pipe with the holes is welded on to the lid while the hole in which the end of the bent Rod entered in the body of the box. In this position the ballot cards can be inserted through the slit on the top. The cards, in this position, cannot be taken out as there is a tongue provided.

LET US DO IT IF OTHERS CANNOT.

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2. When the Vetting is finished, give another push to the bent Rod and it reaches close to the box ahead of the second hole in the pipe and the sliding shutter closes the slit. At the same time the bent end of the rod enters the box through the hole in the body to a further distance of $3/8$ " ~~min~~ or so. In this position the box is still locked and the slit is completely closed. Now, pass a thread or wire through the second hole in the pipe and seal it. The bent end of the rod cannot come out without breaking the second and first seals. Even if ~~this~~ ^{the} second seal is broken by anyone, it will only open the slit but will not unlock the box till the first seal is also broken.

3. To open the box, to count the cards finally, break open both the seals, pull out the bent rod to the maximum limit allowed using the first finger and the thumb of the right hand. Now press down the semi-circular lug at the bottom of the box with left hand thumb and lift the lid by the slotted pipe with the holes. The box will open and the lid will stand on the concealed hinges.

If this box is approved by you, please let us know whether we should make sample boxes for contrabatters.

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A sample box of this box is being fabricated to be forwarded to you immediately on receipt of your instructions for your personal examination of the actual box.

Approximate materials and labour required

1. 18 Gauge M.S. Sheet	...	7 lbs.
2. M.S. Rod $\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. - six	...	6 inches long
3. $\frac{1}{2}$ " M.S. Pipe	...	3 inch long
4. $\frac{3}{8}$ " M.S. Pipe	...	1 " long
5. $\frac{1}{2}$ " Nuts	...	2 Nos.
6. Welding Rod	...	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
<u>Manpower</u>		
7. Oxygen	...	3 Cq.ft.
8. Dissolved Acetylene	...	3 Cq.ft.
9. 10 Gauge M.S. Rod	...	9" long
10. Labour	-----	2 to 3 mah hrs.
11. Paint	-----	1 Oz.
	Maximum	

Awaiting a reply at your early convenience. Thanking you,

Note:- It is our humble opinion that these boxes can be sold as Cash boxes to the Public after the election ~~Kxxxxxx~~ For Proprietor, is over as these can be also locked using a proper Pad lock and key making use of the first or second holed in the slotted pipe.

Yours faithfully,

Scientific Welding Company.

J.S. Min
Works Manager.

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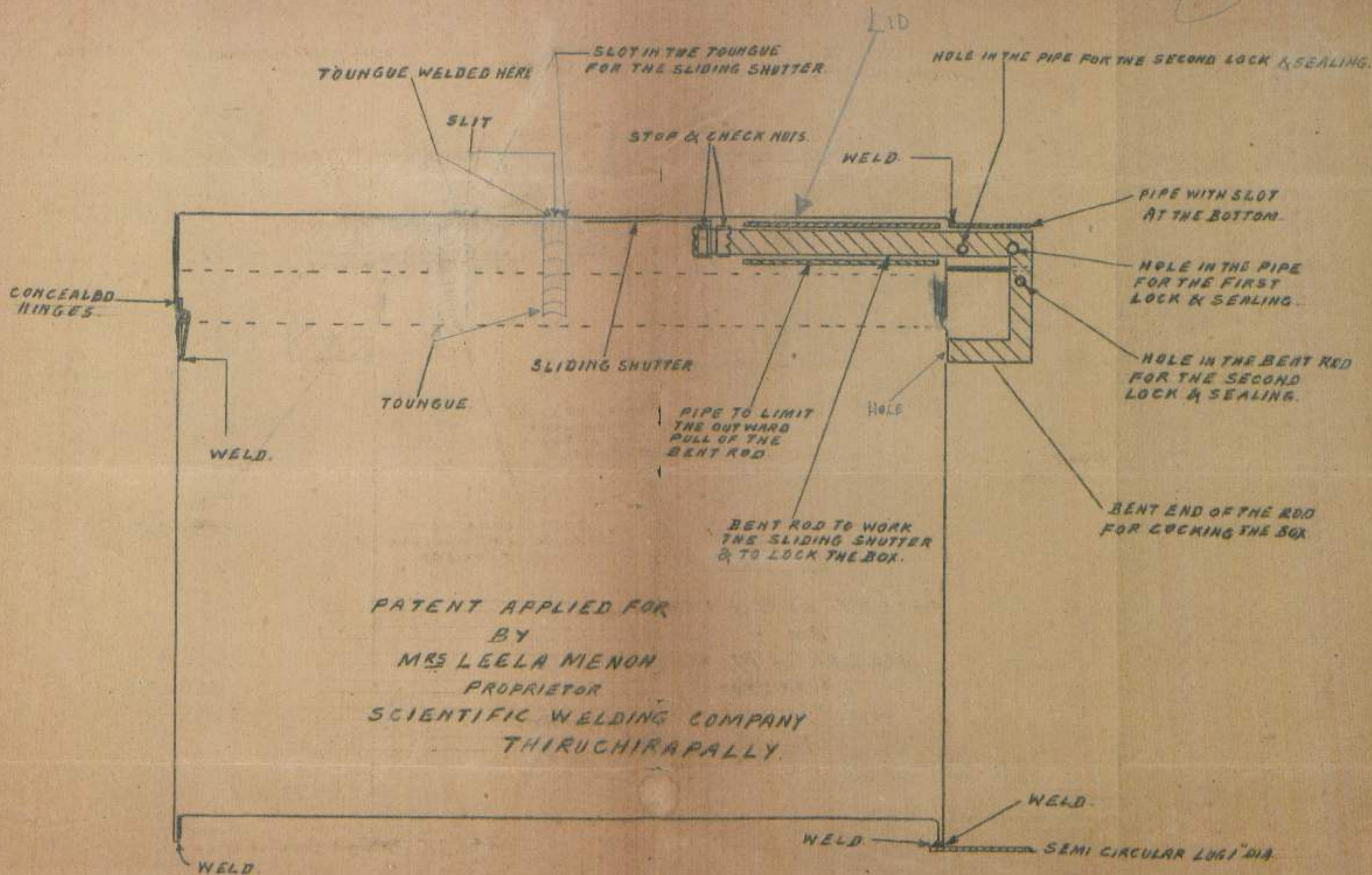
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If necessary we are prepared to go to every contractor's work-shop all over India and show them how to make the first box. It will be only a day's job at every place.

J.S.

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LEELA BALLOT BOX (SECTION)



PATENT APPLIED FOR
BY
MRS LEELA MENON
PROPRIETOR
SCIENTIFIC WELDING COMPANY
THIRUCHIRAPPALLY.

S. No. 5
From
Sri. S. Sundaresan, B.A.B.L. A.M.I.E.T.,
Works Manager,
Government Coach Building Factory,

To
The Election Commissioner,
NEW DELHI.

Re. 6199/A1/50 dt. 19-12-50.



Sub:- Sample Ballot Box - Submission of.
Ref:- Para 4 of Memo No. 1290/50-3, Govt. of Madras
Public(Elections) Department dated 4-12-50.

Under instructions from the Transport Commissioner, Madras and with reference to para 4 of Office Memorandum No. 1290/50-3 Public (Elections) Department, Government of Madras dated 4-12-50, calling for tender for the supply of Steel Ballot Boxes, I am sending separate registered Air Mail parcel to-day a sample ballot box as instructed.

Blue print and specification, giving details of construction and operation is attached herewith and a copy is also enclosed in the box for ready reference. It has not been possible to depute a representative, but all necessary instructions are given in the blue print regarding its operation. This being a Government Department, it is requested that the need for deputing a representative for production of the box at Delhi may be dispensed with. I request to be informed whether the sample ballot box sent herewith will satisfy the requirements.

A sample box will be produced before the Additional Secretary, Public(Elections) Department, at Madras as instructed in the memo referred to above.

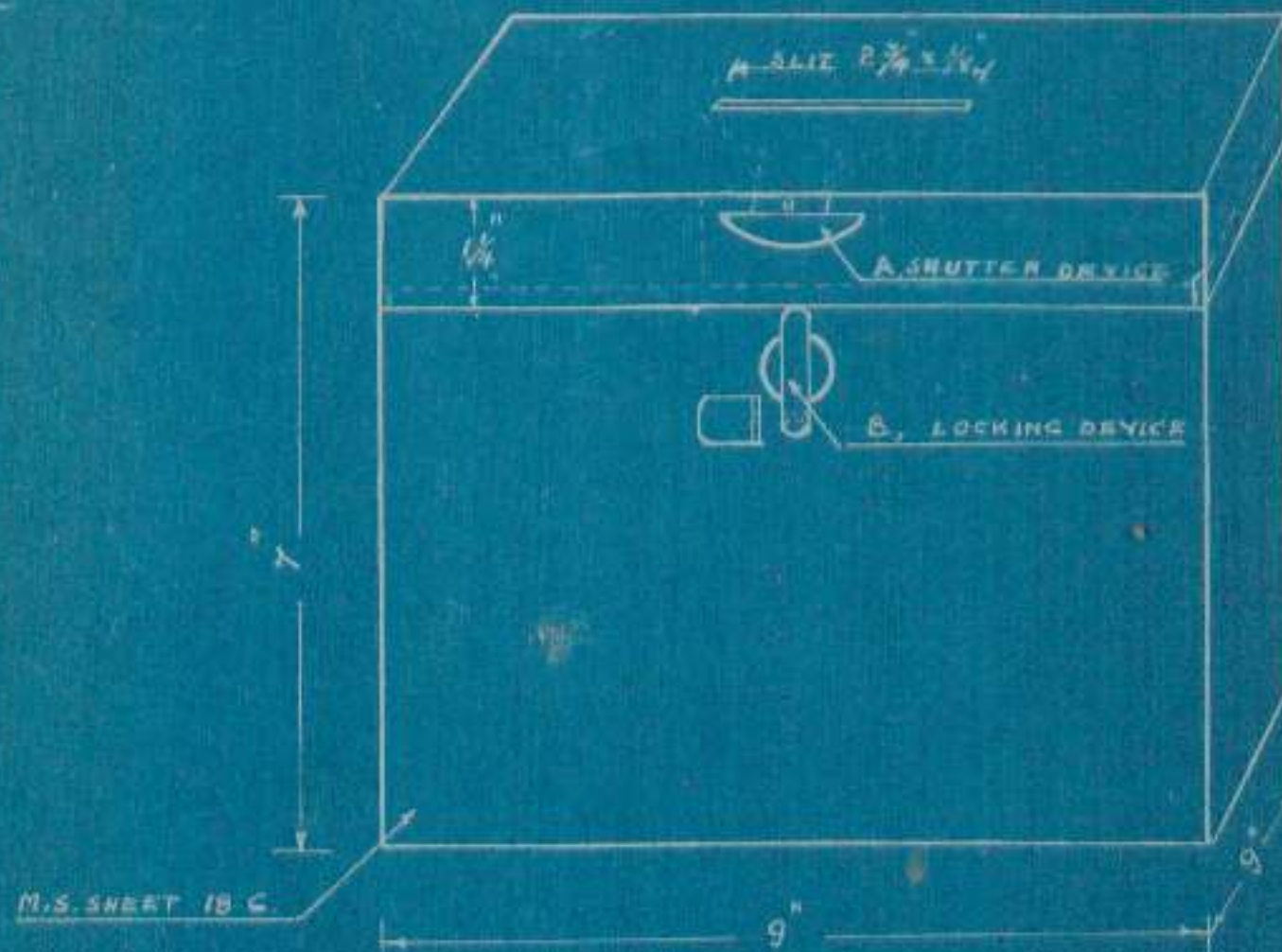
S. Sundaresan
WORKS MANAGER.

Encl: One Blue Print, Drawing No. 206.

Copy to: The Additional Secretary, Public(Elections) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Copy to: The Deputy Transport Commissioner, Transport House, Madras 2.
Rmr/19-12.

GOVT COACH BUILDING FACTORY (TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT) CHROMEPET MADRAS



SAMPLE BALLOT BOX

Specification:- Made of 18 G.M.S. sheet.
Size 9" x 9" x 7" approximate:- The body of the box is of one piece, bottom & sides folded and joints welded. The one piece lid 1 1/2" deep ~~and~~ has a slit about 2 3/4" x 1/8" in the centre and opens on concealed hinges. The lid overlaps the top edge of the body by about 3/8" & is flush with the sides. Painted Olive Green.

Mechanical locking and slit shutter devices are encased and internally fixed. Provision is made for sealing the shutter handle and locking knob independently as required (wire or thread may be inserted in the small holes provided and tied for the purpose of sealing).

- Operation:-
- (1) Pull handle "A" to open and push to close the slit.
 - (2) Turn knob "B" clockwise to vertical position to lock the lid and anti-clockwise to open.

GOVT. COACH BULDG. FACTORY,
 GOVT. TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT,
 MADRAS: 13-12-50.

Sundaresan
 (S. SUNDARESAN)
 WORKS MANAGER.

DATE 19-12-50

DRAWN BY

CHECKED BY

TECHNICAL ASST

WORKS MANAGER

DRG NO 206

SCALE & SIZE

M. Sundaresan 18/12/50

S. Sundaresan 18/12/50

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8, Royal Exchange Place,

Principal Office:-
23/24, Radha Bazar Street,

Ref. No. 5723

Calcutta, 10th Dec. 1950



The Chief Selection Commissioner,
Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

We are sending you this day by separate Air Mail a sample of the Ballot Box for your approval against the tender submitted by us for the supply of the same to the Govt. of Madras. Due to the lack of time and prior commitment in our works we could not submit a very good sample but we would definitely improve on this at the time of supply.

Yours faithfully,
For HIND CONSTRUCTIONS LTD.,

[Signature]
DIRECTOR.

VV/ut.

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59/G.P./126.

22, STRAND ROAD,
CALCUTTA-1.
The 20th Dec. 1950.

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Govt. of Orissa,
Home (Election) Department,
Cuttack.

Dear Sir,

Ref:- Your No. 2456(12)Elec./IE-357/50 of 13.12.50.

With reference to your Tender Notice and our Sample submitted along with our former quotation, we should like to make following remarks:

1. The specification sent to us this time though more comprehensive than the one advertised in the press last time is not adequate as it is not understood what would ultimately be considered Fraud-Proof by you.
2. We are ready to submit our competitive quotation for Ballot Boxes against your Specific Design and Drawing as in our opinion, our Design may not be acceptable by you on very minor grounds.
3. We possess a big steel processing factory at Baranagore 24-Parganas, West Bengal with extensive Sheet Metal and Welding capacity with all types of Press Tools to handle this class of job.
4. We have executed the following big sheet Metal and Welding jobs during last two years:- (1949 and 1950)

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MADRAS

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Handwritten notes: 'M. J. G. 1/34' and '55' in a circle.

Ref:1121

Dated.23.12.50

To

The Commissioner,
General Elections, Secretariat,
New-Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Ballot Boxes.

We find from papers that you are making arrangements for manufacture of ballot boxes to your approved design for which we understand that you have already received samples and we presume you have made your own selection. We are manufacturers of furniture for many decades and we are equipped with all necessary implements including modern machinery to make any kind of boxes that may have met with your approval.

We have also facility in procuring any variety of timber that you may consider best and moderate in price.

In the circumstances we shall be glad to receive necessary information to facilitate us to tender for the ballot boxes either on provincial basis or on All-India basis according to your convenience and policy.

Whilst on the subject we may be permitted to mention that our status as manufacturers on big scale will allow us to quote you competitively. In the meanwhile we would also thank you to forward us necessary sample or blue print of the proposed boxes and number that will be required by you.

We should feel grateful indeed if you can forward this letter, if it is not directly dealt by you, to the proper authority or authorities in the states of India.

Thanking you,

For WRENN BENNETT & Co. (INDIA) LTD.,

Yours faithfully,

Sales Manager.

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The Chairman,
Election Commission,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Govt. of Madras - Public (Elections) Dept.
Tender for supply of Steel Ballot Boxes to
the Govt. of Madras.

In pursuance of our quotation No.Y/GR/4 dated 21st instant, submitted to The Additional Secretary, to the Govt. of Madras Public (Elections) Dept., we are, under verbal instructions from the above officer, sending you another sample identical in all respects to the one submitted by us with the tender at Madras.

This letter in which we enclose a copy of our quotation for your information, as well as the sample ballot box, will be delivered to you by our representative Rao Bahadur Sri R.N. Aiyar and if necessary, our representative, will demonstrate the operation of the box, which has a very simple locking device strictly according to the tender specification and copy of the operating instructions are placed inside the box.

We will be obliged if you will kindly communicate your approval of the sample and design to the Additional Secretary, Govt. of Madras, Public (Elections) Dept., Madras, by return so that our offer may be considered along with the others received with a view to the placing of orders.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
For SIMPSON & CO. LTD.,

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Opp. MAHALAKSHMI RLY. STATION,

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(Please do quote this ref. No.)

Bombay 25th December, 1950.
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The Election Commissioner,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Subj:- Ballot Boxes.

We beg to introduce ourselves as the pioneers
in this part of Western India in the manufacture of various
fittings to Railways.

We have perused with keen interest the various
States' requirements of Ballot Boxes for the coming Election.
We have already submitted a sample to you for approval and
have no idea as to your approval thereof yet. However, we
are now making out a new design of Ballot Box which will have
automatic locking arrangements when the Ballot slot is
closed. This newly designed Box is better in every respect
than the one we have sent you and will be considerably
cheaper when compared with other competitions. We assure
you the Box will be sent in about a week's time for your
approval and inspection.

Thanking you,



Yours faithfully,
For The Oriental Metal Pressing Works,

Proprietor

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TELE { gram - HOLLOWWARE, Bombay.
phone - 45801 - Two Lines.

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No. 17208

UNDER MAHALAKSHMI OVER BRIDGE,

Bombay, 28-12-50
(146. 11)

Messrs The Election Commission, New Delhi.

Ref: ~~Your Order No.~~ TENDER FOR BALLOT BOXES. ~~Dated~~

Please receive the following goods from Messrs The Oriental Metal Pressing Works,
and pay the cartage charges Rs. signing the accompanying receipt

Quantity	Size	PARTICULARS	Weight		
			Qtrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
ONE	ONLY	One sealed Sample of Ballot Box made of H.S. 18 Gauge 9" x 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" Ht. With tamperproof, double locking device for box and polling slot and sealing arrangement. (one only) Sent by Air India			

Sender's Signature

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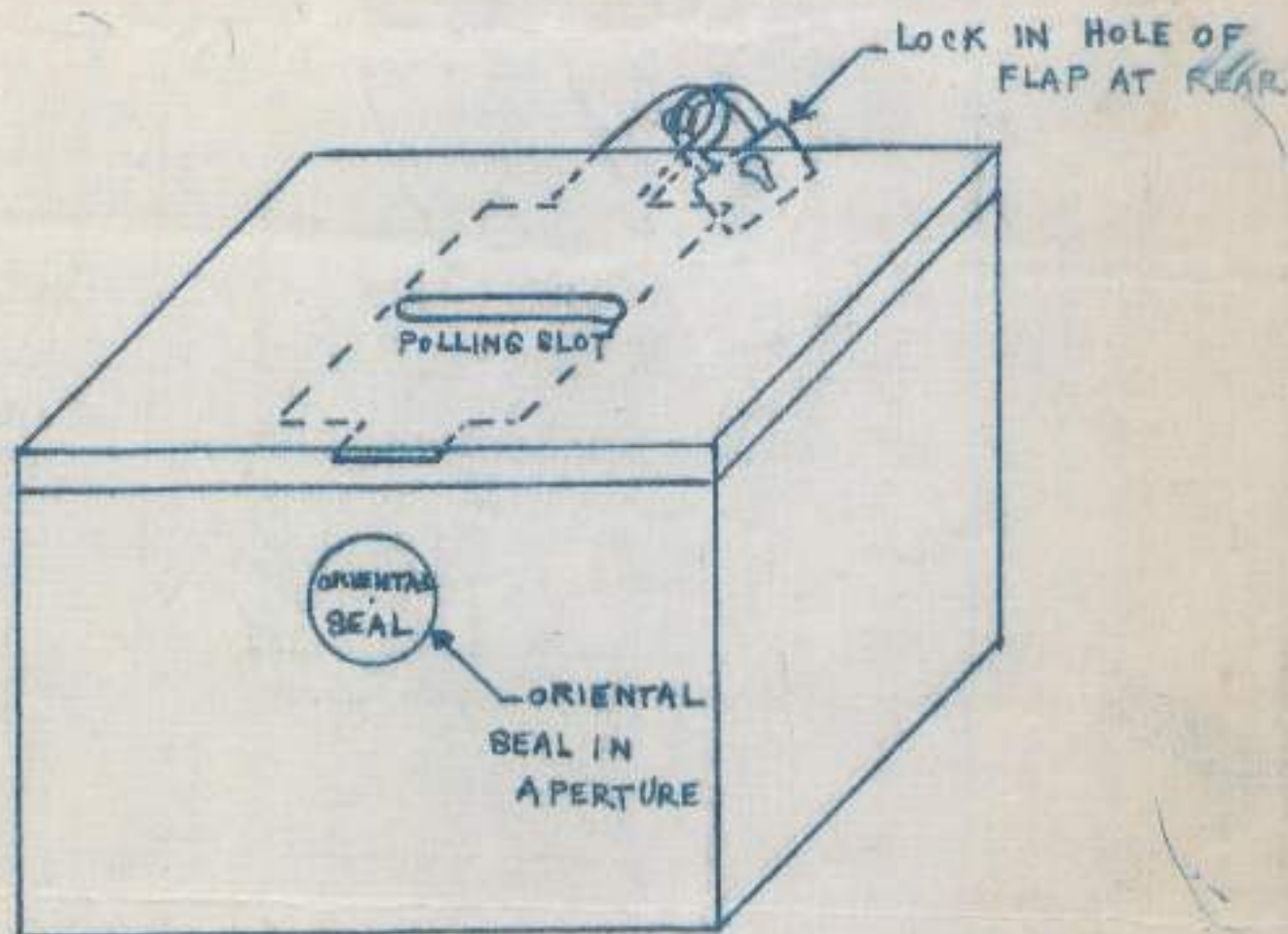
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Name of the driver

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N. B.—We are not responsible, if delay occurs, in supplying goods or in fulfilling any contract
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Lock to be put in hole of shutter-flap at rear (as shown) at the time of polling, to ensure that nobody pushes the flap inwards and locks the polling slot.

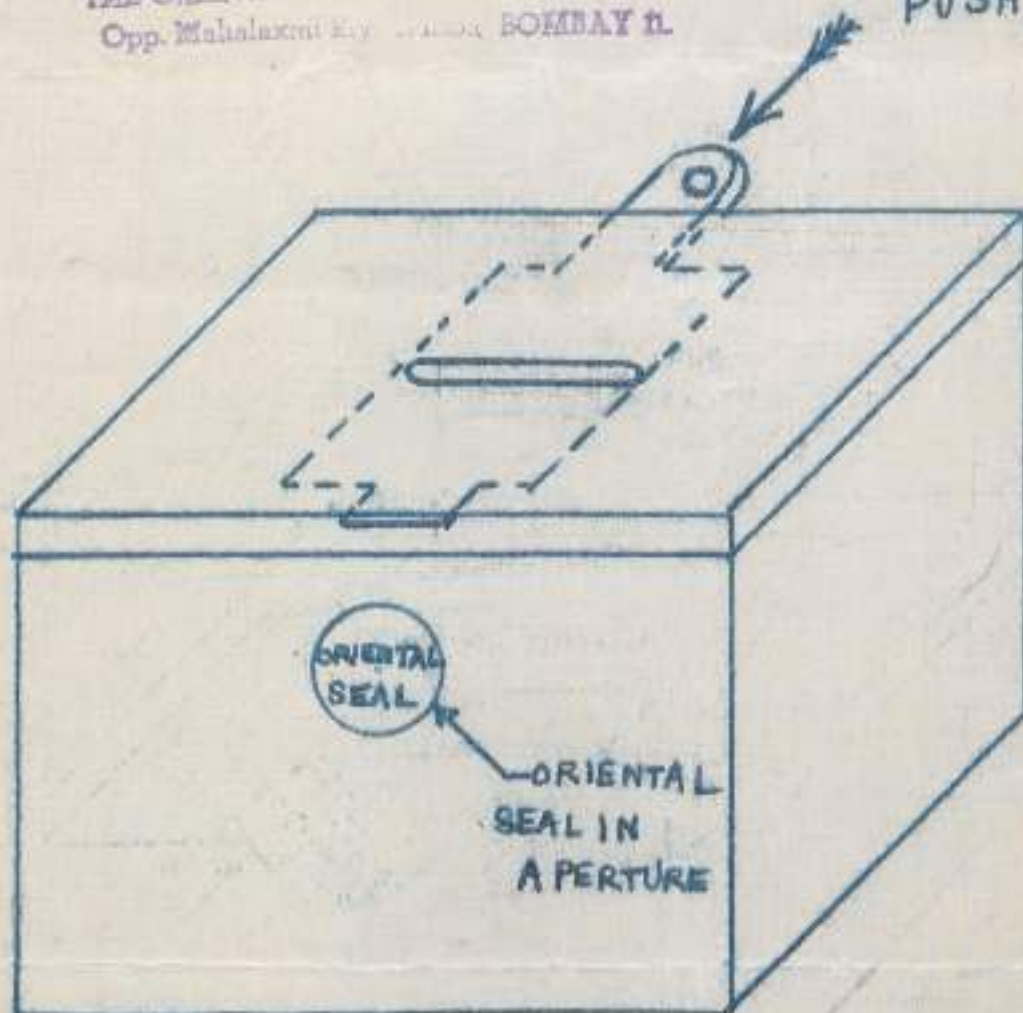
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Opp. Mahalaxmi Ely. Station, BOMBAY II.

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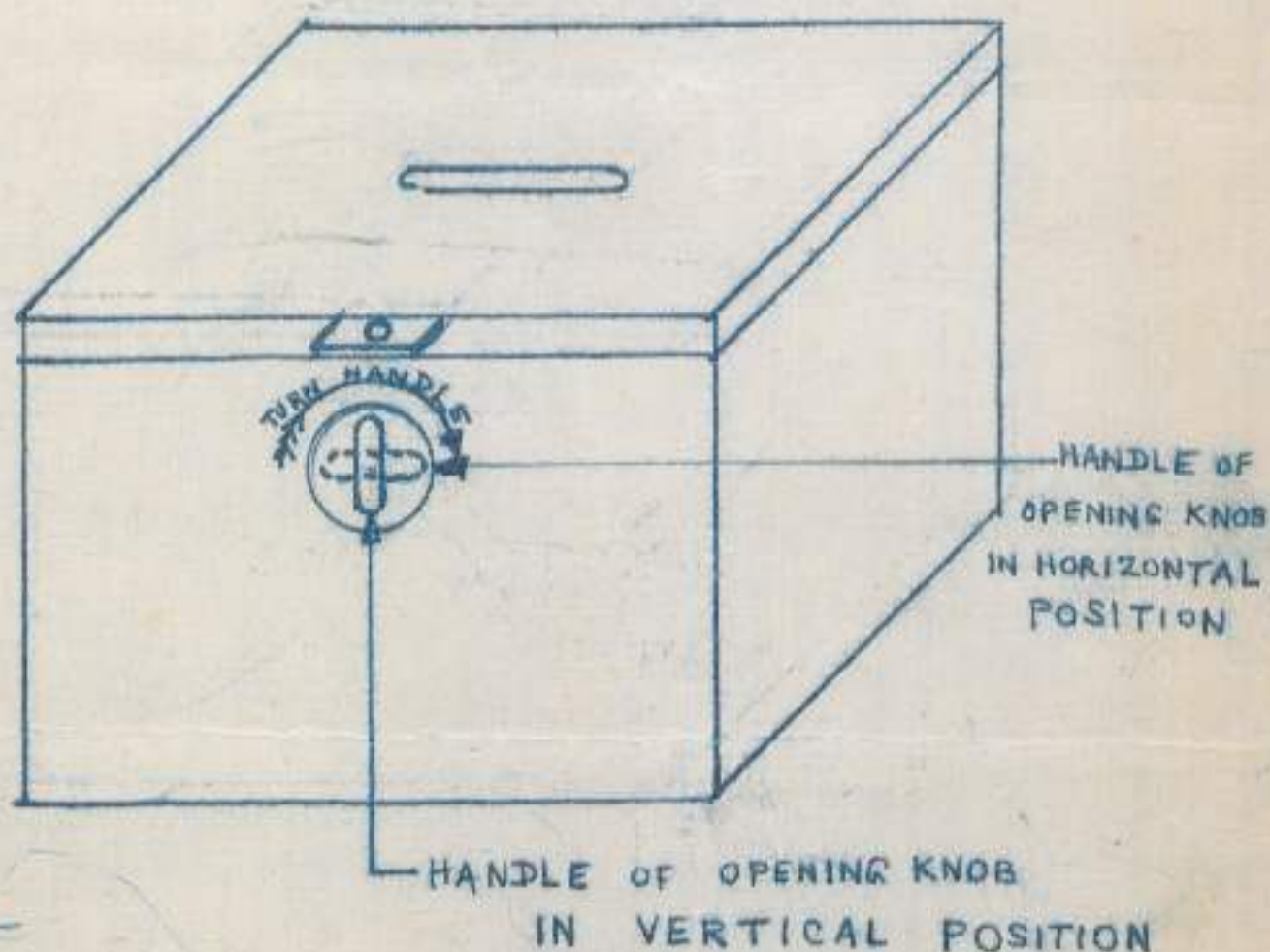
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After polling, remove lock at rear, and push flap in the direction of arrow, when the shutter will cover the polling slot and lock itself.

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THE ORIENTAL METAL PRESSING WORKS
Opp. Mahalaxmi Rly. Station BOMBAY II.

THE ORIENTAL METAL PRESSING WORKS
Opp. Mahalaxmi Rly. Station BOMBAY II.



To open box break the Oriental cardboard-seal seen in Figs. 1 & 2 in aperture. Handle of opening knob will be in vertical position as shown above. Turn the handle clockwise or anti-clockwise so as to bring it to horizontal position when lid could be opened on its hinges.

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REF. NO.

SFD/130/31569

BOMBAY, 8th December, 1950.

Please address your reply to

Dept.

The Chief Election Commissioner,
Council Hall,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Ballot Box

We are glad to avail of this opportunity to thank you for the courtesy extended to our Engineer Mr. Desai when he called on you on the 28th ultimo.

While discussing the possibility of the button on our ballot box getting permanently locked by mistake when preparing the box for balloting, you had proposed the practical solution of providing each box with two seals. Since the use of the second seal would be valid only if it is confirmed by all the candidates or their proxy, there would be no risk whatever involved in issuing more than one seal. The scheme would work perfectly if the duplicate seal were in a different colour so that whenever it is used that fact would be at once noticed by the presiding officers at the Counting Centres, who would then exercise the necessary precautions before accepting a box with such duplicate seal.

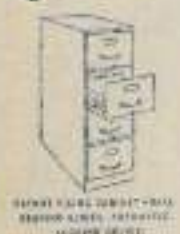
You will, Sir, also remember your having suggested to us to try and modify the mechanism of our box so that the button cannot be turned through its second movement without strong pressure. We have succeeded in giving your suggestion concrete form, as you will see from the sample ballot box our Delhi Office Manager Mr. Gorawara would demonstrate before you. It will be noted that the desired

All offers are subject to the terms given overleaf.

(contd. ...)

BOMBAY - CALCUTTA - MADRAS - DELHI - KANPUR - HYDERABAD (EN.)

AMRITSAR - AHMEDABAD - RAIPUR - JAIPUR - INDORE - AGRA - NAGPUR - AGRA - LUCKNOW - ALLAHABAD - AMRITSAR - PATNA - BANGALORE
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Change has been made without any sacrifice whatever of the merits of the original design and without adding extra parts but simply by modifying the shapes of the cam and detent.

If we have to adopt the modified design we shall have to discard the dies already made for making the cam and detent. However, we leave this matter entirely to your decision. If you consider that we should supply the Ballot boxes with the modified design, we shall do so of course without any price alteration.

We wish to respectfully point out that even if the ballot boxes are made to the modified design, it would still be necessary to issue the paper seals in duplicate as suggested by you not because of any fear that the button may get locked but because the original seal may get misplaced inadvertently or be damaged during insertion or may become unusable through some accident.

We shall await your decision before adopting the said amendment.

Yours faithfully,
For GODREJ & Boyce Mfg. Co., Ltd.,



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copy to:- Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co., Ltd.,
168, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.