

No.F.6/14/2020-PPD  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division

Room No.512, Lok Nayak Bhawan,  
New Delhi. Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Procurement of Goods/Services through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and outside GeM.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No.F.6/18/2019-PPD dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 (copy enclosed) on the above subject, wherein it had, inter alia, been stipulated that w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, it will be mandatory for a buyer to generate a GeM Availability Report and Past Transaction Summary (GeMAR&PTS) with unique ID on GeM Portal using his login credentials on GeM for procurement outside GeM. This was to be a pre-requisite for arriving at a decision by the Competent Authority for procurement of required goods and services by floating a bid outside GeM and its unique ID would be required to be furnished on the publishing portal along with the tender proposed to be published. The said O.M. also provided exceptions to the mandatory requirement on the ground of urgency & non-functioning of GeM at that time or due to non-availability of internet connection.

2. Data generated regarding GeMAR&PTS from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 has been examined in this Department. It has been observed: -

- i) That since its inception, a large number of GeMAR&PTS reports have been generated by Central Government Departments/Ministries.
- ii) That analysis of data on CPPP shows that the exceptions provided in the OM No.F.6/18/2019-PPD dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 have been used in more than 90% of cases.
- iii) That, for around 70% of the cases on CPPP, exception clauses being non-functional internet and non-availability of GeM Portal have been used.
- iv) That GeMAR&PTS reports are not commensurate with the tenders published outside GeM.

3. Considering the above, the following modifications are made to the OM No.F.6/18/2019-PPD dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 with immediate effect: -

- a) Clause "due to non-availability of internet connection" it is hereby omitted since publishing of tenders on other portals would also require internet connectivity.
- b) That along with Clause "non-functioning of GeM at that time" the following may be read as added "*the tender publishing portal will automatically confirm from GeM in real time as to whether GeM Portal is available and if available, will direct the*

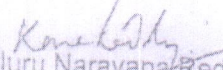
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buyer to obtain GeMAR&PTS from the GeM Portal. If not available, the tender publishing portal may proceed without the GeMAR&PTS."

  
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1. Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises with a request to issue appropriate instructions to Public Sector Undertakings in this regard.
2. CGA, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
3. CGDA, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.
4. Financial Commissioner, Railway Board, New Delhi.
5. CEO, GeM, New Delhi.