



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

STORES PURCHASE (A) DEPARTMENT

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Sub:—Stores Purchase Department—Procurement through GeM Portal Instructions to avoid misuse of the platform—reg.

Ref:— 1. Office Memorandum No. F No.6/18/2019-PPD dated 23-7-2020 from the Ministry of Finance.

2. Circular No. A2/61/2021/SPD dated 25-11-2021.

GeM (Government e-Market place) is an approved mode of procurement for the purchase of commonly used goods and services for public purpose by Government Departments/Autonomous Bodies/Public Sector Undertakings/Local Self Government Institutions/Universities etc.

As per reference cited first above, restrictions were imposed under rule 144 (xi) General Financial Rules in respect of bidders having beneficial ownership interests in land border sharing countries. GeM ensures compliance with aforesaid rule and as such GeM GTC clause 26 regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares land border with India stipulates that any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender only if the bidder is registered with the competent authority.)

Further, as per reference cited second above, all HoDs were directed to make use of procurement tools in GeM including Custom Bid & BOQ. However, a few cases of misuse of the platform by buyers have come to light, where some buyers are opting for BOQ based bidding or custom catalogue-based bidding for cases that are possible through regular catalogue/category based bidding.

In view of the above, all purchasing Officers are directed to ensure that custom catalogue and BOQ based bidding is not resorted to in respect of items for which regular categories exist on GeM, especially in respect of all Information Technology, Cyber Security, Surveillance and Medical Equipment categories etc. where there is possibility of data transfer through the equipment. In addition, adequate care needs to be taken by the buyer to ensure compliance of the restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of General Financial Rules 2017, MSE and MII Purchase Preference while creating Custom or BOQ based bid for categories not available on GeM.

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To

All Heads of Departments/Offices/Public Sector Undertakings/
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The Registrar General, High Court, Ernakulam (with C/L)
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The Registrar, Kerala Administrative Tribunal (with C/L)
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