



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

STORES PURCHASE DEPARTMENT—AMENDMENT TO STORES PURCHASE
MANUAL, 2013—SANCTIONED—ORDERS ISSUED

STORES PURCHASE (A) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (P) No. 7/2019/SPD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26th April, 2019.

*Read:—*1. G.O. (Ms.) No. 2/2018/SPD., dated 27-3-2018.

2. G.O. (P) No. 2/2018/SPD., dated 28-4-2018.

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, Government of Kerala have approved Government e Marketplace (GeM) operated by Government of India as a procurement mode for the purchase of commonly used goods and services in the State by Government Departments/PSUs/Autonomous Bodies/LSGIs/Universities. As per the Government Order read as 2nd paper above, a new chapter—Chapter-19 (Government e Marketplace-GeM) has been incorporated in the Stores Purchase Manual (SPM) for compliance by Government Departments/PSUs/Autonomous Bodies/LSGIs/Universities.

2. Government examined the present status of procurement through GeM by various Departments and got suggestions and requests to review the present purchasing power of Heads of Departments (HoDs) as the prices of goods on GeM are much lower than that of the other modes of procurement. Government are pleased to amend para 19.3 as follows:

Procurement of Goods and Services above ₹ 25,000 through GeM shall be mandatory for all Government Departments. If the Head of Department (HoD) finds that purchase of a particular item on GeM would not be appropriate as the item is not available on GeM or requirement/specification is too specific or otherwise, then the HoD could procure those items through other modes of procurement as provided in the Stores Purchase Manual, after recording the reasons for the same. The Procurement of Goods and Services by Departments above ₹ 25,000 will be mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM. The procuring authorities will certify the reasonability of rates. The GeM portal shall be utilized by the Government buyers for direct online purchases as under:—

- (i) Up to ₹ 50,000 through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period.
- (ii) Above ₹ 50,000 and up to ₹ 30,00,000 through the GeM Seller having lowest price amongst the available sellers, of at least three different manufacturers, on GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. The tools for online bidding and online reverse auction available on GeM can be used by the Buyer if decided by the competent authority.
- (iii) Above ₹ 30,00,000 through the supplier having lowest price meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids, using online bidding or reverse auction tool provided on GeM.
- (iv) The above mentioned monetary ceiling is applicable only for purchases made through GeM. For purchases, if any, outside GeM, relevant SPM Rules shall apply.
- (v) A demand for goods shall not be divided into small quantities to make piecemeal purchases to avoid procurement through L-1 Buying/bidding/reverse auction on GeM or the necessity of obtaining the sanction of higher authorities required with reference to the estimated value of the total demand.

Certain exemptions granted are as follows:—

- Dietary articles.
- Purchase of Laboratory/Medical Equipments by Director of Health Services (DHS), Director of Medical Education (DME), Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd. (KMSCL), Director of Ayurveda Medical Education (DAME), Director of Ayurveda, Director of Homoeopathy, Director of Homoeopathy Medical Education, Employees State Insurance Corporation.
- Stationary Department, Kerala Books and Publication Society (KBPS), Fire and Rescue Services Department, Government of Kerala controlled organisations, PSUs, etc., should come up with their own policy as to what items shall be bought through GeM and otherwise.

3. The SPM 2013 is amended to that extend.

By order of the Governor,

MANOJ JOSHI,

Additional Chief Secretary.

To

The Secretary, Kerala Legislature Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram
(with C./L.).

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/
Special Secretaries.

All Heads of Departments/Offices/Public Sector Undertakings/
Autonomous Bodies/Local Self Government Institutions/Universities.

All Departments in the Secretariat including Law and Finance.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, C-DIT, Chittazham, Lavanya Building, Behind SMSM
Institute, Statue, Thiruvananthapuram (for hosting the Government
Order in the website of Stores Purchase Department).

The I & PRD (Web & New Media) (for uploading in the website
ie., www.kerala.gov.in).

The Registrar General, Ernakulam (with C./L.).

Advocate General, Emakulam (with C./L.)

The Registrar, Kerala Administrative Tribunal (with C./L.).

Stores Purchase (A1, A3, A4, B, IW-I, IW-II) Departments.

P.A. to Principal Secretary.

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