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FINANCE [Procurement Cell] DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.10, Dated 13thJanuary 2026
(Margazhi-29, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2056)

ABSTRACT

Public Procurement — Consolidated instructions for procurement through the **Government e Market Place (GeM)** - To streamline procedure - Orders - Issued.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.(Ms).No.207, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated: 04.07.2017.
2. G.O.(Ms).No.119, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated: 04.04.2018.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.154, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated: 03.05.2018.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.63, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated: 01.03.2023.
5. G.O.(Ms).No.262, Finance (Procurement Cell) Department, dated: 05.12.2025.

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ORDER:

In the Government order fifth read above, the Government have issued consolidated orders under Section 21 of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998, to streamline the procedure for **Low Value Procurement**.

2. The GeM is an on-line procurement portal including payment to suppliers, registration of Government buyers through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and registration of suppliers. In view of the advantages and on-line procurement facility available in GeM portal, orders were issued vide Government Orders first read above and as further modified vide fourth read above to adopt the on-line Government e-Marketplace (GeM) of GoI along with its terms and conditions as specified by the DGS&D from time to time, as an optional mode for procurement of goods and services by procuring entities subject to certain restrictions that;

- a. the GeM portal may be utilized for direct on-line purchases upto **Rs.25,000/-** through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specifications and delivery period;
- b. the GeM portal may be utilized for direct on-line purchases for **Low Value Procurements** above **Rs.5,000/-** through supplier having lowest price, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids using on-line bidding process provided on GeM; and
- c. the payment to the suppliers / service providers shall be made on-line. To facilitate on-line payment, the GeM system will be integrated with the State Treasury / payment system. Till such integration is completed and a Public Financial Management

System (PFMS) like system is simulated, the existing off-line payment system of Electronic Clearance System (ECS) shall be followed.

3. During the year 2018, procurement through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal was permitted for procuring entities under Clause (m) of Section 16 of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998. The procuring entities of Tamil Nadu have been continuously using GeM portal for various procurements for past few years.

4. Subsequently, the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Government of India, was engaged to develop a dedicated and customized e-procurement portal exclusively for the Government of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, NIC developed the portal <https://tntenders.gov.in>. Further, w.e.f 01.04.2023, the Government mandated that all procuring entities carry out their procurement activities exclusively through this dedicated electronic portal. The e-procurement system has since been functioning seamlessly and successfully. Over the past two and a half years, more than 3.5 lakh tenders have been floated through <https://tntenders.gov.in> by various departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu. All departments are now well acquainted with this platform, and procurement activities are being carried out efficiently.

5. However, in some cases, it may be convenient to procure certain goods or services through GeM Portal at a competitive price. Hence, enabling procedure would be required for streamlining procuring through GeM portal in specific cases decided by the Government.

6. Based on the above, the Government, after careful consideration, decided to adopt the following consolidated orders, under Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998, to streamline the procurement procedure using the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) :-

(1) For Low Value Procurement through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) shall be as follows:-

- i. The GeM portal may be utilized for direct on-line purchase upto Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakhs only) through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specifications and delivery period.
- ii. The GeM portal may also be utilized for on-line procurement using online bidding process provided on GeM for low value procurements upto Low Value Procurement limits through supplier having lowest price, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids.
- iii. While providing specifications, the procuring entity shall ensure that there are at least three registered suppliers on the GeM portal. If the available suppliers are less than three, the procurement shall be done through tntenders portal (<https://tntenders.gov.in>).
- iv. The specifications should be such that it should be commonly available as far as possible.

(2) For procurement of High-Value Goods and Services i.e. procurement other than Low Value procurement, the GeM SPV, which is a no-profit Section 8 Company, has been notified under Section 16 (bb) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998. Accordingly, the procuring entities may opt for using GeM portal for any particular procurement of goods or services through rate contract, on-line bidding, on-line reverse auction or any other mechanism provided by the said Government e- Marketplace-Special Purpose Vehicle

Provided that such procurement shall be made after obtaining the prior approval of the Committee comprising of the Secretary to Government of the department concerned, Secretary to Government, Finance department or his representative, the Chief Executive Officer or the head of the procuring entity and a technical representative of the procuring entity.

Provided further that such prior approval may not be required,

- i. for procurement of vehicles by any procuring entity through online bidding.
- ii. for procurement of goods and services for Central Sector Schemes or Centrally Sponsored Schemes where the Government of India has mandated procurement through GeM portal.

(3) For the expenditure incurred through Treasury Payment mode, bill settlement to the successful vendor / bidder/ final recipient will be through on-line payment.

7. To the extent of these orders, the Article 125 of Tamil Nadu Financial Code Volume -I shall be considered as amended.

8. The Government designates the Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance department as the State Nodal Officer for procurement through Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

9. Government Orders first, second, third and fourth read above to streamline the procurement through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) hereby stand superseded by this Government Order.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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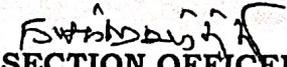
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