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From:

Principal Secretary (Industries),
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. All the Administratives Secretaries to the Government of H.P., Shimla-171002
2. All the Heads of the Departments Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Managing Directors/ Secretaries of the Boards & Corporations, Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:

Regarding procurement of items through GeM portal.

Madam/Sir,

Your kind attention is invited towards the Notification No. Fin(C) A(3) 5/2004 dated 19.07.2017 issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) to the Government of H.P. and State amendments carried out in the Store Purchase Rules vide this office letter No. Ind/SP/Misc/F(6-10) 4/80-III dated 24.10.2013 by adding of Rule-19(k), 19(l) & 19(m) under Rule 19 on the analogy of Rule-94-A & Rule-112 of HPFR-2009 with regard to procurement of Goods by the offices of State Government through GeM Portal.


As you are aware that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has already signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India on 26.12.2017, to facilitate on line procurement of common use Goods & services required by various State Government Departments /Organisations/PSUs etc. The Government of H.P. has opened the State Pool Account No.37550778047 dated 20.02.2018 on GeM with the State Bank of India, Branch, Chotta Shimla-171002 after signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 15.02.2018. The Heads of the Departments/Corporations/Boards etc. of the State Government have also been asked by the Director of Industries vide his office letter of even No. dated 06.03.2018 to open the sub-accounts/link accounts under the State GeM Pooling account with the State Bank of India enabling them to procure goods & services through GeM.

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) had organized one day National Consultative Workshop with States on 06.06.2018 at Ashok Hotel, New Delhi in which State wise figure/report /performance in respect of availing of GeM services was presented. It has been found that the H.P. Government Departments/Offices are not following the instructions/guidelines for procurement of Goods & services for the offices from GeM Portal as the volume of goods purchased is very little and also there is very meager registration of secondary users i.e. buying authorities on GeM.

It is pertinent to mention here that most of the items i.e. electrical, electronics/vehicles/ stationery/furniture/other equipments etc. are available on GeM Portal and can be purchased on competitive rates as compared to market rates, especially in relation to departments like Health, Public Works, IPH, Education etc. where huge procurements are made every year. The procurement through GeM in such cases will not only be economical but also save time and effort.

You are, therefore, requested to issue the necessary directions to your subordinate offices for adhering to the provisions contained in the Notification No. Fin(c) A(3) 5/2004 dated 19.07.2017 issued by the Finance Department to the Government of H.P. and purchase the stores/items through GeM to ensure that the stores are purchased in a transparent manner and on competitive rates. It must also be ensured that specifications are finalized for each item in such a way that competitive rates are obtained or that the specifications are not unnecessarily restrictive. All the Heads of Departments or field offices be also requested to get in touch with Controller of Stores (COS) if there be any difficulty in procurement of goods through GeM Portal.

Yours faithfully,


Principal Secretary (Industries) to the
Government of H.P., Shimla-171002

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