

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

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**Principal Secretary to Government**

To

**Additional Chief Secretary to Government/**  
**Principal Secretary to Government/**  
**Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government/**  
**All Departments**  
**All Heads of Department.**

Sub: **Procurement of Goods and Services in Government e- Marketplace (GeM).**

**Sir,**

Administrative Departments and all Government Offices were allowed for voluntary purchase of common use goods and services through GeM vide letter no 35243/F dated 30.11.2017. The monetary ceiling for purchases on GeM has been prescribed in the above mentioned letter. Till the integration of GeM with State Treasury, interim arrangement has been made for making payment to the Suppliers for GeM purchases through Treasury portal.

**2.** All Non-Government Entities i.e. Statutory and Autonomous bodies, Societies, Local Bodies, Boards, Development Authorities and Improvement Trusts have also been allowed for voluntary purchase of common use goods and services. The procedures of opening and operation of State GeM pool account to ensure prompt payment to the Suppliers /Vendors have been prescribed in FD letter no. 36401/F dated 22.11.2018.

**3.** It has, however, been observed that some of the Administrative Departments have been procuring goods and services outside the GeM. In this connection, it may be mentioned that as per the information available in the GeM portal, the goods and services are available at substantially lower rates as compared to the market rates. Considering this, Government of India have also been advising the state Governments to procure through GeM.

**4.** With a view to achieve best value for the money spent on Government procurement, Government Offices and Non-Government entities are hereby advised to make maximum procurement through GeM portal. In case the

procurement is inevitable through open bidding, a certificate is to be furnished by the officer responsible for the procurement to the effect that the item procured either is not available on GeM or the price discovered in open bidding is less than the price available at GeM portal.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**  
**Principal Secretary to Government**