

**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: **Drawal of AC Bills for Procurement of Goods and Services – regarding.**

Sir,

You may be aware that all Administrative Departments and Government Offices were allowed for voluntary purchase of common use goods and services through GeM vide Finance Department letter no 35243/F dated 30.11.2017.

2. Further, Government Offices and Non-Government entities are advised to make maximum procurement through GeM portal vide this Department **Letter No 5972/F Dated 20.02.2019**. 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.

3. It has been noticed that AC Bills are being drawn in every financial year for late procurement decisions taken in the month of March and the amount drawn through AC Bills are being parked in the current account for payment in the next financial year to avoid lapse of budgetary funds.

4. In the context of on-boarding GeM, it has been decided that budgetary funds earmarked for procurement will lapse for late procurement decisions. March should not be the month for placing the purchase orders. March will be regarded as the month for payments against the purchases made in the last quarter of the financial year. Cross financial year transactions on GeM are not allowed as the payments in IFMS are made against the Vendors' bank accounts.

5. Administrative Departments and all Government Offices are advised to avoid use of A.C.Bills at the end of the financial year for procurement purposes, consistent with the procedure of payments in respect of procurements made through GeM portal.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal Secretary to Government