

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

OFFICE ORDER

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From

**Shri P.K. Biswal, IAS
Special Secretary to Government**

To

All Departments/Heads of Departments / Collectors

Sub: **Procurement of Goods through single source for COVID-19 related procurement.**

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that COVID-19 has been declared as a global pandemic by World Health Organisation and Odisha has also been affected by it. Both Government of India and the State Government have declared it as a disaster. In order to facilitate procurement of drugs, equipment, consumables, computers etc. on emergency basis, State Government in Health and Family Welfare Department have constituted a State Level Emergency Procurement Committee authorising it to take all procurement decisions without any financial limit. Similarly, District Level Emergency Procurement Committees have been constituted for this objective.

II. The Guidelines for Procurement of Goods vide FD O.M. No.4939/F dated 13.02.2012 provides for Single Tender Enquiry in a case of emergency, where the required goods are necessary to be purchased from a particular source and the reason for such decision is to be recorded and approval of Government or next higher Authority obtained (para 17.ii).

III. In the context of COVID-19 related procurement, it has now been decided that the above mentioned Committees may go for single source procurement wherever situation warrants without going for inviting bids and by following the above procedure. However, the stipulation for seeking approval of Government or next higher authority is dispensed with for this purpose in emergent situation.

IV. The condition for mandatory procurement of goods through GeM vide FD Letter No.28899/F dated 22.08.2019 are also hereby relaxed for the instant purpose.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-
Special Secretary to Govt.**