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**Sub: Clarification regarding Procurement through Government e-Marketplace (GeM).**

Reference is invited to Para 8.1 of Integrated MM Manual (IMMM), wherein inter-alia it is stipulated that for procurement of Goods/Services, the items/services available on GeM shall be procured through GeM portal only. The procurement through GeM shall not be mandatory under specific situations stipulated in IMMM e.g. purchase through board of officers, emergency purchase etc. In case item is not available in GeM, purchase through other procurement methods as specified in IMMM may be resorted to subject to a mention to this effect by Indenting Department.

Further, it is also stipulated therein that in exceptional circumstances only, where procurement through GeM cannot be done, purchase through other procurement methods as specified in IMM Manual can be resorted to with the prior approval of Director-I/c MM. However, valid reasons shall be recorded while seeking such approval.

In this regard, it has been observed that many work centers are submitting proposal for obtaining approval of Director-I/c MM, for not carrying out procurement through GeM portal for Board Purchase cases also.

In view of above, all concerned are advised to take note of the above provisions of IMM Manual that the procurement through GeM shall not be mandatory for purchase through board of officers and emergency purchase and prior approval of Director-I/c MM shall not be required. However, in such cases provisions of IMM Manual i.e. Para 8.9 for Purchase through board of officers and Para 8.10 for Emergency purchase, are required to be followed.

  
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