

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Stores Purchase Department - Procurement of vehicles in Government Departments/Offices/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous bodies/Local Bodies etc. through GeM - GO modified - Orders issued.

STORES PURCHASE (B) DEPARTMENT

No.G.O(Rt) 01/2019/SPD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram , 02.01.2019 Read:- 1. G.O(Rt) No.67/2017/SPD dated, 25.11.2017

2. G.O(P) No. 02/2018/SPD dated, 28.04.2018

<u>ORDER</u>

On implementation of Government e Market place (GeM) by Government of India, directions were issued to Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies /Local Bodies etc. for the purchase of vehicles, through GeM platform vide GO read as 1st paper above. Consequently, these directions were incorporated in the Stores Purchase Manual as per GO read as 2nd paper above.

As per the above GO's, Public Institutions were authorised to buy one or two vehicles at a time, through GeM, from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/authorized local business partners. For the purchase of 3 or more vehicles, the purchasing officers were directed to follow the Single Tender System envisaged in the existing Store Purchase Manual, after obtaining Specialised Government Price from the Original Equipment Manufacturer and after ascertaining that such Specialised Government Price is lesser than the price quoted in GeM.

It has now come to the notice of the Government that in cases where purchase on proprietary basis cannot be followed, ie, if the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), model etc. of the vehicles to be purchased are not specified in the Administrative

Sanction Order, there are no specific existing guidelines for the purchasing officers on how to effect purchases through GeM.

In the above circumstances, Government examined the matter in detail and and are pleased to issue the following directions regarding the purchases of vehicles through GeM, where purchase on proprietary basis, cannot be followed :

- a) Purchasing entities are permitted to purchase vehicles other than proprietary basis, upto Rs One Crore through GeM, irrespective of their numbers, following the general conditions of purchases through GeM, laid down in chapter 19 of Stores Purchase Manual.
 - b) The purchasing entities are directed to ensure that a valid Administrative Sanction order, as per the existing financial powers, is issued for each such purchase.
 - c) For the purchase of vehicles exceeding Rs One Crore through GeM, the procuring departments should seek the approval of Stores Purchase Department on case by

case basis as per para 19.8 of Stores Purchase Manual.

For purchases of vehicles on proprietary basis, the directions contained in the GO's read as 1st and 2nd paper above are to be followed.

The GO read as 1st paper above stands modified to this extend. Necessary amendments in this regard will be made in the the Stores Purchase Manual in due course.

By order of the Governor,

MANOJ JOSHI, Principal Secretary to Government.

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