Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat, Finance Department Srinagar/Jammu.

Subject: Procurement through Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

CIRCULAR

Attention of all the Administrative Departments is invited to the Circular regarding procurement of Goods & Services through GeM portal issued vide No. A/21(2003)-1-Part file-II-927 dated 17.09.2019 wherein it was directed that Government Organizations including Autonomous Bodies shall immediately register with GeM for procurement.

Some of the Departments have brought into the notice of Finance Department that while purchasing through GeM some items are at significant higher rates than market rates.

All Departments are therefore, directed to take into consideration following points while procuring Goods & Services on Government e-Marketplace (GeM):-

- 1) Buying from single vendor shall generally be avoided, and the departments shall not split the requirements which is against the principles of financial propriety.
- 2) Number of vendors on GeM (Govt. e-Marketplace) is large enough for discovery of competitive price.
- 3) Specifications shall be laid down to meet functional requirement without being restrictive as per CVC guidelines.
- 4) Generally the items are available at GeM at the rates lesser than the market rates. However, if the rates at GeM are higher, the same shall be brought into the notice of the GeM authorities and Finance department.
- 5) All the principles of financial propriety shall be adhered to for procurement of goods.

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All the Administrative Departments shall furnish the list of items which are not either available on GeM or are costlier than the prevailing market price to the Finance Department.

Sd/-

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