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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

4TH LEVEL, 'A WING' DELHI SECRETARIAT
I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI 110002.



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Ensuring strict compliance of mandatory procurement through GeM Portal - reg.

MEMBER (ADMN)
DELHI JAL BOARD

Sir / Madam,

Diary No. 2421

Date 14/07/26

I am directed to refer the mandatory provisions contained under Rule 149 of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 that the Procurement of Goods and Services by Ministries or Departments will be mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM.

2. Finance Department has, from time to time, issued detailed instructions to ensure mandatory procurement through GeM, including orders dated **26.04.2017**, **24.08.2017** and the comprehensive guidelines issued vide Circular No. **F.5(273)/FIN/Exp-I(2025-26)/AD/DS-I/1120** dated **18.11.2025**. Further, the Finance Department in collaboration with GeM Officers has imparted training to all Nodal Officers nominated by the Departments during **November 2025** to facilitate effective implementation of the GeM procurement framework. The Finance Department vide its order dated 30-03-2026 has also issued guidelines regarding adoption of GeM Forward Auction module on GeM Portal.

3. Finance Department is regularly monitoring procurement data received from GeM and has been issuing monthly advisory to Departments undertaking procurement outside the GeM portal. The latest advisory in this regard was issued on 15.06.2026 clearly indicating/showing the availability of given goods/services on GeM portal. However, Delhi Jal Board still continues to undertake a significant number of procurements outside GeM despite repeated instructions and advisory.

4. As per the information furnished by GeM, **Delhi Jal Board has published 3,894 tenders during 2025-26 outside GeM and 1,665 tenders from 18-11-2025 to May 2026 outside GeM** after issuance of the Finance Department's guidelines dated 18.11.2025.

5. Such procurement outside GeM, where the required Goods/Services are available on the portal, is contrary to the provisions of Rule 149 of GFR, 2017 and the instructions issued by the Finance Department. It also undermines the objectives of transparency.

Office of the S.E. (IT)
Delhi Jal Board

Diary No. 187

Date 20/7/26

Dy. Director (IT)
Delhi Jal Board, GNCTD

Dy. No. 1276 dt. 21/7/26

Chief Engineer (IT)
Delhi Jal Board, GNCTD

Dy. No. 551 dt. 16/7/26

competition, efficiency, audit compliance and value for money in Government procurement.

6. It is therefore, requested to kindly review the matter personally and issue appropriate directions to all concerned officers under your administrative control to ensure that:

- I. All procurements of Goods and Services available on GeM are invariably made through the GeM portal in strict compliance with Rule 149 of GFR, 2017.
- II. To instruct the designated GeM Nodal Officer to effectively monitor the procurement activities and to ensure compliance with the Finance Department's instructions.
- III. Adoption/utilization of GeM Forward Auction module circulated vide No Fin/Exp-I/146782/2026 dated 30-03-2026 which facilitates disposal of immovable properties serviceable and unserviceable material through a competitive, pan-India online bidding process thereby ensuring transparency, efficiency and optimal value realization. The Forward Auction module also facilitates leasing of assets such as shops, parking lots, disposal of assets, scrap material, e-waste, vehicles, coal and commercial/residential properties, land and industrial plots etc.

7. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Digitally signed by
Narender Tyagi
Date: 10-07-2026
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(NARENDER TYAGI)
Controller of Accounts(Finance)

Copy to:-

- ✓ 1. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board, Varunalaya Phase-II, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005.
2. PPS to Pr. Secretary, Finance Department, GNCT of Delhi.
3. Director, Delhi Jal Board, Varunalaya Phase-II, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005.
4. PS to Special Secretary, Finance Department, GNCT of Delhi.

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To,

The Chief Executive Officer,

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