Subject: - Temporary exemption of research-related purchases of items/services from GeM

Dear All,

Please refer to circular No.IITD/SPS/2019/139927 dated 31.07.2019 issued by the S&P section regarding mandatory GeM purchase of goods/services available on GeM and circular dated 22.08.2019 regarding relaxation (up to December 31, 2019) given to the academic units for purchase of stationery items as per existing rules of the Institute.

In view of the various issues and difficulties being encountered in the procurement of research grade chemicals and components for time-bound research activities, the Board of Governors has given temporary exemption from using GeM for procurement such products to the PIs, faculty and researchers, until GeM addresses the procurement challenges. These items/services or classification of products are listed in the category A to E given below:

(A) Specific chemicals, solvents, reagents, semiconductor and other technological wafers/substrates, compressed gases, biological assays/enzymes, bacterial cultures, proteins etc. for research specific use compatible with DSIR license of IIT Delhi.

(B) Specialized scientific, technological, and logistics services needed to support research, including use of commercial semiconductor foundries, and end-to-end logistics services.

(C) Specialized discrete electronic and non-electronic components (including semiconductor chips, circuits, ICs, printed circuit boards, packaging of silicon dies, electronic discrete components, specialized fittings, optical components etc.), and computer components needed for research and product development. However, this will not include the computer peripherals.

(D) Specialized and/or customized scientific equipment and associated maintenance contracts.

(E) Academic/enterprise licenses of software specific to academic research.

It is worth mentioning that even though the BoG has given a temporary exemption for scientific & research quality items/services, efforts must still be taken to ensure that common use goods and services available on GeM are mandatorily procured through GeM only. Further, due diligence must be taken to ensure that items/services being purchased through the Open Tender process (eProcurement) are NOT available on GeM. Letter No. GeM/SCOGeM/MOLE/2019 of the Director-GeM, Department of Commerce, copy earlier circulated by SP section, is an indication that purchases being made by the Institute are closely monitored and the deviation from the guidelines of the GFR would invite notices from the Ministry. In the event that the desired item is not available on GeM or the item available does not carry the specifications required, on-line ‘requests’ can be submitted to include the item/specifications. Procurement through Open Tender (eProcurement) for common use goods/services available on GeM should be avoided.

For query and assistance, please contact the GeM cell, SP Section @7288/ 7154.

This has the approval of the competent authority.

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