

**PRESS RELEASE**

**GOVERNMENT e MARKET (GeM) TRAINING FOR ENTREPRENEURS**

**TO BE CONDUCTED BY GOVT. OF INDIA, DGS&D CHENNAI REGIONAL OFFICE –  
IN COLLABORATION WITH MSME-DI AND EDI, GUINDY, CHENNAI.**

Government e-Market (GeM) portal was launched by Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D,) under Ministry of Commerce and Industries as a one stop solution for online purchase of goods and services which was inaugurated by Hon. Minister of Commerce & Industry, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman on 09/08/2016 in the presence of Cabinet Secretary, Secretary (Commerce), Secretary (DoE) and Secretary (DeiTY). GeM can be accessed at <https://gem.gov.in>

2. The Government online marketplace being a break through concept in public procurement domain necessitated re-inventing and re-engineering the procurement and payment procedures and laying down afresh governing framework of terms and conditions for portal based public procurement. DGS&D has conceptualized the business processes, terms and conditions for implementing portal based procurement system with online time bound payment concept after detailed in-house brainstorming and consultation with major buying organizations. During the process, a large number of procedures involved in public procurement have been simplified to a large extent to bring in transparency, speed and least human intervention in Government Purchase to nullify every possible scope for corruption. .GFR (General Financial Rules) governing rules related to purchase of goods and services for central government departments was also amended by addition of Rule 141 A by the Department of Expenditure on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 to enable online procurement by Government agencies through the GeM portal .The payment procedure for purchase through GeM has been made time bound, paperless and simplified as enunciated in the DoE OM dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.. As per the amended GFR, GeM may be utilized by any Government buyer for online purchases. Up to order value of Rs 50,000/-, items can be bought from any of the available sellers meeting the requisite quality, specification and Delivery Period. For order values above Rs 50,000/-, item can be bought from the supplier having lowest price amongst the available sellers meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period and GeM platform provides tool for online bidding and online reverse auction which may be used by the purchaser or getting products/services with requisite specifications and best prices.

2.1. Common use items across 29 product categories have already been listed on GeM with offers for 1900+ products from 1200+ sellers. DGS&D is continuously working to bring in more and more products and services within the fold of GeM by identifying the items, drawing their major specifications/parameters, Service Level Agreements and by encouraging sellers for their on-boarding on GeM. Understanding about working of the portal along with rules and procedures governing the seller enrolment shall go a long way in helping entrepreneurs to explore new avenues for business being part of institutional sales through GeM portal

3. Considering the usefulness of understanding about Government e Market to entrepreneurs', it has been decided to hold a training program **free of cost** covering presentation and demonstration regarding seller enrollment in Government e Market associating DGS&D and MSME Development Institute Guindy **on 25-11-2016** between 2 P.M and 5.00 P.M **at The Auditorium, MSME Development Institute, 65/1, GST Road, Guindy, Chennai – 32**. After the presentation and demonstration, there will be a Question & Answer session followed by a high tea where Entrepreneurs will get an opportunity to network with officers from DGS&D.

4. Entrepreneurs may walk in on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 1.30 P.M or forward nomination in advance to this office or to Shri A .V.Muralidharan Director (Supplies), DGS&D in mail id [avmuralidharan.dgsnd@gov.in](mailto:avmuralidharan.dgsnd@gov.in) or to Deputy Director (P), EDI at [ddp@editn.in](mailto:ddp@editn.in). Queries if any may be made to Deputy Director (P), EDI by phone 22252081 / 22252082 or to contact Shri A.V.Muralidharan, Director, DGS&D by phone 28262389 / 28279823. The training programme will be broadcast as a Website through EDI's website [www.editn.in](http://www.editn.in).

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Director(S), Chennai/22.11.2016.

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