



**FINANCE (Salaries) DEPARTMENT**  
Secretariat,  
Chennai-600 009.

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From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All Secretaries to Government.  
The Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
The Comptroller, Governor's Household, Raj Bhavan, Chennai-32.  
The Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Guindy, Chennai-32.  
All Heads of Department.  
All Collectors / All District Judges/All Chief Judicial Magistrates.  
All Departments of Secretariat.  
The Principal Accountant General(A&E), Chennai-18  
The Accountant General Audit-1), Chennai-35.  
The Accountant General (Audit-II), Chennai-6.  
The Accountant General (CAB), Chennai-9.  
The Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts,  
Chennai-15.  
All Pay and Accounts Officers/All Treasury Officers.  
The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-600 003.  
The Registrar, High Court, Chennai-600 104.  
The Registrars of all Universities.  
All State Owned Corporations and Statutory Boards.  
The Commissioner, Corporations of Chennai /Madurai /Coimbatore /  
Tiruchirappalli/ Salem / Tirunelveli/Erode/Tiruppur/Vellore/Thoothukudi.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 –  
Government e-Marketplace (GeM) – Price comparison for  
high value procurement– Instructions – Regarding.

Ref: G.O.(Ms) No.207, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated  
04-07-2017.

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In the Government order cited, orders have been issued for adopting the on-line Government e-Marketplace (GeM) of Government of India, alongwith its terms and conditions as specified from time to time, as an optional mode of procurement of goods and services by all procurement entities in Government departments and other organizations recognised and supported by the Government.


**2.** The Government of India has now reported that the GeM has become a robust market place with about 40,000 registered users, more than 31,000 products and 17 services. It has been able to bring the prices of goods and services down by about 15-20% on an average; in some cases,

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the prices have been reduced by even 50% of the prices discounted through traditional markets such as tendering and rate contract. For the low value procurements GeM has been adopted as an optional mode of procurement. The services of GeM can be utilized to ascertain right price and for price comparison of the tendered goods and services in cases of high value procurements in respect of goods and services being offered to public under GeM.

3. I am therefore to request you to compare prices of articles in Government e-Marketplace (GeM), for ascertaining lowest price while evaluating open tenders for high value procurement of goods and services.

Yours faithfully,



for **ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

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