GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No.10(4)-FIN (G)/15(L)/1602-1747

Dated, Agartala, the 25th September, 2019

NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Modification of Rules of the General Financial Rules, 2017 (as adapted in the State of Tripura)

The Governor of Tripura is pleased to make following modifications in the existing provisions of the General Financial Rules,2017 (as adopted in the State of Tripura) Vide Notification No.10(4)-FIN(G)/15(L) dated, 24.08.2017.

1. In Rule 136 (1) (iii):

After the existing provision, the following shall be added,

"Consulting Engineers/Structural Engineers/metallurgists may be consulted wherever considered appropriate."

2. Rule 147- Powers for procurement of goods:

The provision shall be substituted by

"The Departments have been delegated full powers to make their own arrangements for procurement of goods & Services that are not available on GeM. Common use Goods and Services available on GeM are required to be procured mandatorily through GeM as per Rule 149."

3. Rule 148- Rate contract:

This provision shall be construed as deleted and shall have no application.

4. Rule 149 - Government e-Market place(GeM):

Except sub-clauses (iv) (v) (vi) (vii) & (viii), the other provisions shall be substituted by "Government of India has established the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for common use Goods and Services. GeM SPV will ensure adequate publicity including periodic advertisement of the items to be procured through GeM for the prospective suppliers. The Procurement of Goods and Services by Ministries or Departments will be mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM. The credentials of suppliers on GeM shall be certified by GeM SPV. The procuring authorities will certify the reasonability of rates. The GeM portal shall be utilized by the Government buyers for direct on-line purchases as under:

- (i) Up to Rs. 25,000/- through any of the available suppliers on the GeM,meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period.
- (ii) Above Rs. 25,000/- and up to Rs. 5,00,000/- through the GeM Seller having lowest price amongst the available sellers (excluding Automobiles where current limit of Rs.30.00 lakh will continue), of at least three different manufacturers, on GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. The tools for online bidding and online "reverse auction available on GeM can be used by the Buyers even for 'procurements less than Rs. 5,00,000/-.
- (iii) Above Rs.5,00,000/- through the supplier having lowest price meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids, using online bidding or

reverse auction tool provided on GeM (excluding Automobiles where current limit of Rs.30.00 lakh will continue)."

5. Rule 150- Registration of Suppliers:

Sub-rule (i) and (v) shall be respectively substituted by the following:-

- "(i) For goods and services not available on GeM, Head of Ministry/Department may also register suppliers of goods and services which are specifically required by that Department or Office periodically. Registration of the supplier should be done following a fair, transparent and reasonable procedure and after giving due publicity, such registered suppliers should be boarded on GeM as and when the item or service gets listed on GeM.
- (v) The list of registered suppliers for the subject matter of procurement be exhibited on websites of the Procuring Entity/e-Procurement/portals."

6. Rule 152- Enlistment of Indian Agents:

The provision shall be substituted by the following:-

"Departments, if they so require, may enlist Indian agents who desire to quote directly on behalf of their foreign principals."

7. Rule 155- Purchase of goods by Purchase Committee:

The provision shall be substituted by the following:-

"In case a certain item is not available on the GeM portal, Purchase of goods costing above Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) and upto Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) on each occasion may be made on the recommendations of a duly constituted Local Purchase Committee as per the provisions enlisted in the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules. The committee will survey the market to ascertain the reasonableness of rate, quality and specifications and identify the appropriate supplier. Before recommending placement of the purchase order, the members of the committee will jointly record a certificate as under:

"Certified that we, members of the purchase committee are jointly and individually satisfied that the goods recommended for purchase are of the requisite specification and quality, priced at the prevailing market rate and the supplier recommended is reliable and competent to supply the goods in question, and it is not debarred by Government of India or any State Government Department concerned.""

- 8. Rule 156: This provision shall be construed as deleted and shall have no application.
- 9. Rule 159 (iv): This provision shall be construed as deleted and shall have no application.
- 10. Rule 160 (iii): This provision shall be construed as deleted and shall have no application.

11. Rule 170 (i)- Bid Security:

Sub-rule (i) shall be substituted by the following :-

(d) "To safeguard against a bidder's withdrawing or altering its bid during the bid validity period in the case of advertised or limited tender enquiry, Bid Security (also known as Earnest Money) is to be obtained from the bidders except Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) as defined in MSE Procurement Policy issued by Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) or are registered with the Central Purchase Organization or the concerned Ministry or

Department or startups as recognized by Department of Industrial policy and Promotion (DIPP) or State Government. The bidders should be asked to furnish bid security along with their bids. Amount of bid security should ordinarily range between two percent to five percent of the estimated value of the goods to be procured. The amount of bid security should be determined accordingly by the Department and indicated in the bidding documents. The bid security may be accepted in the form of Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee from any of the Commercial Banks or payment online in an acceptable form, safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects. The bid security is normally to remain valid for a period of forty-five days beyond the final bid validity period."

- 12. Rule 173 (xv): Shall be construed as deleted and shall have no application.
- 13. Rule 174 (iv): Shall be construed as deleted and shall have no application.
- 14. Rule 225 (xiii) General principles for contract:

Sub-rule (xiii) shall be substituted by -

"Copies of all contracts and agreements for purchases of the value of Rupees Twenty-five Lakhs and above entered into by civil departments of the Government, should be sent to the Audit Officer and or the Accounts officer as the case may be."

This shall come into force on and from the date of notification.

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