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Ref.No.MAIT/PY/409

October 21, 2016

Dear Madam,

Warm greetings from MAIT!

At the outset we wish to compliment the efforts of Ministry of Commerce, which has launched the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a completely end-to-end procurement system for Government buyers under DGS&D. MAIT is working closely with DGS&D on improvisation of GeM portal.

However, there are a few issues within GeM which need to be addressed before GeM stabilizes and becomes fully functional. We are engaging on a day-to-day basis with DGS&D officials, industry and users regarding the functioning of GeM.

Since GeM may take time to stabilize, non-renewal of the expiring Rate Contracts (RCs) may impede business both for the vendors as well as customers, if there is no source to purchase from. Thus, our plea is that till the system becomes fully functional the RCs are extended.

Needless to say that we are with the Government to see that GeM is made successful with participation of our members.

We will be thankful to you if you can impress upon DGS&D to extend RCs till GeM stabilizes.

With warm regards,

Anwar Shirpurwala

Ms Rita Teotia
Secretary Commerce
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
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Dear Madam,

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At the outset we wish to compliment the efforts of Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), for launching the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a completely end-to-end procurement system for Government buyers under DGS&D. MAIT is working closely with DGS&D on improvisation of GeM portal.

However, there are a few issues within GeM which need to be addressed before GeM stabilizes and becomes fully functional. We are engaging on a day-to-day basis with DGS&D officials, industry and users regarding the functioning of GeM.

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Needless to say that we are with the Government to see that GeM is made successful with participation of our members.

As a nodal Ministry for electronics and information technology, we would request you to kindly intervene and ensure that the rate contracts for electronics and IT products are extended.

With warm regards,

Anwar Shirpurwala

Ms Aruna Sundarajan
Secretary
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
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Dear Sir,

Warm greetings from MAIT!

Thank you very much on your quick response and forwarding our concerns on GeM to DGS&D and NeGD team.

While it may take some time for the GeM to stabilize, non-renewal of the expiring Rate Contracts (RCs) may impede business both for the vendors as well as put the customers at a disadvantage, if there is no source to purchase from. Thus, our plea is that till the system becomes fully functional the RCs are extended.

Needless to say that we are with the Government to see that GeM is made successful with participation of our members.

We would like to meet you and further explain any points which require clarification. We therefore request you for an appointment at a time convenient to you to enable us discuss the same in detail.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anwar', is written over a horizontal line.

Anwar Shirpurwala

Shri Binoy Kumar
Director General
DGS&D



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Dear Sir,

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At the outset, we wish to compliment the efforts of PMO, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for launching the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a completely end-to-end procurement system for Government buyers under DGS&D. MAIT is working closely with DGS&D on improvisation of GeM portal.

However, there are a few issues within GeM, which need to be addressed before GeM stabilizes and becomes fully functional. We are engaging on a day-to-day basis with DGS&D officials, industry and users regarding the functioning of GeM.

Since GeM may take time to stabilize, non-renewal of the expiring Rate Contracts (RCs) may impede business both for the vendors as well as customers, if there is no source to purchase from. We have requested DGS&D to extend the RCs till GeM becomes fully functional.

In this context, we had been engaging with DGS&D, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. A copy of correspondences to the respective officials are enclosed for your advance information.

We hope that the Rate Contracts are extended, however we feel that your intervention may be needed at some stage. We would keep you informed of the developments and seek your intervention in the above subject matter at appropriate time.

With warm regards,

Anwar Shirpurwala

Shri Anurag Jain
Joint Secretary
Office of the Hon'ble Prime Minister
Government of India