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भारत सरकार  
पंचायती राज मंत्रालय  
SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

D.O.No. N-19011(16)/8/2016-e-Panchayat

July 20, 2022

Dear

Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has put in place a robust system for effective monitoring of public expenditure by means of a holistic system capturing the entire gamut of activity right from the stage of planning to monitoring of the various stages of work, recording the expenditure incurred for the works to providing a complete detail of the asset created. In this context, a comprehensive online application called eGramSwaraj has been developed comprising of various modules for planning, reporting, and accounting etc. which not only enables the Panchayat users to enter their works and make online payments (via integration with PFMS) for Central Finance Commission funds.

2. I am pleased to inform you that nearly all 58,189 Gram Panchayats across UP are doing digital payments using eGramSwaraj application for funds under Central Finance Commission grants. Payments to the tune of nearly Rs.36,000 crores have already been successfully disbursed to the respective vendors directly from the Panchayats' accounts.

3. As a continuous endeavor of this Ministry to enhance the systems, eGramSwaraj has now been successfully integrated with Government e-Marketplace (GeM) so that the Panchayats at all tiers (Zilla, Block and Gram Panchayats) are enabled for procurement through GeM and payments through eGramSwaraj in a seamless manner

4. In this regard, Joint Secretary, MoPR had issued a letter of even number dated 7.6.2022 (Annexure I) regarding sharing of details of Panchayat functionaries for their onboarding on eGramSwaraj-GeM (eGS-GeM) interface. However, it has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that as per point no.12 of G.O. no. 3/2017/1067/78-2-2017-42IT/2017 (Annexure II) issued by then Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh dated 12.5.2017, all rural and urban local bodies with less than 1 Lakh population may conduct online procurement and e-tendering once they have adequate manpower, technical competence, and capacity building etc. Due to this directive, Panchayati Raj Department, Govt. of UP has been unable to share the details of their Panchayat functionaries and henceforth their onboarding on eGS-GeM would be adversely affected.

5. In the light of above, I am to request you to kindly consider altering/annulling the aforementioned condition mentioned in the G.O. so that Panchayats in UP can also onboard eGS-GeM interface. Currently Panchayats in Uttar Pradesh are at the forefront of every digital initiative taken up by this Ministry. Moreover, eGS-GeM interface will enable the PRIs to ensure transparency in their procurements and also ensure that goods/services are procured at standardized market prices. This will not only mitigate the chances of arbitrary award of contracts but also keep a check on procurement of items at inflated rates.

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,  
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(Sunil Kumar)

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