

Minutes of meeting held under the chairmanship of Sh. Rajesh Jain, Additional CEO, GeM at Conference Room, 3rd floor, Jeevan Bharti Building, Jan Path, Connaught Place, New Delhi on 28.02.2023 at 02:30 PM

Present:

1. Sh. Manoj Kumar – Director (Services-Category Management), Director (Product-Marketplace), Director (Forward Auction), Director (Legal);
2. Sh. Shailesh Kumar - Chief Manager - Product & Forward Auction;
3. Sh. Nilesh Gupta - Senior Manager – Product (Marketplace);
4. Sh. S Poologa Pandian - Manager - Product (Marketplace);
5. Sh. Piyush Kumar - Senior Manager, States & UTs;
6. Sh. Amit Gupta - GeM – MSP;
7. Sh. Survesh Kumar, General Manager (Finance), PUNGRAIN, Department of Food & Supplies, Punjab, Chandigarh;
8. Sh. Satinderjit Singh, Inspector, Department of Food & Supplies, Punjab, Chandigarh;
9. Sh. T S Sodhi, PEG Godown Owner, Ferozepur;
10. Sh. Ravinder Singh Cheema, PEG godown Owners, Sangrur.

At onset, the chair welcomed all the participants.

General Manager (Finance), PUNGRAIN, gave an overview of the bid initiated by PUNGRAIN on GeM portal for rehiring of godowns constructed and hired under Private Entrepreneur Guarantee (PEG) Scheme 2008 of GOI/ FCI, in the State of Punjab.

After deliberations upon the nature of services to be hired through GeM, the PEG godowns owners/ representatives of prospective bidders have then raised their queries/ issues as under:

1. The GeM portal does not allow to proceed for registration as seller without submission of ITR 3 to 5, whereas most of the godown owners/ prospective bidders are filing ITR 1 or 2 as the income from renting of property is not a business income.

The chair, after consulting technical team of GeM & clarifying from General Manager (Finance), PUNGRAIN that PUNGRAIN does not require the date of incorporation of bidder firm as an eligibility in the present bid, has informed that GeM will be proceeding to allow registration of individual as a seller. In the meanwhile, it was suggested to mention the date of registration on GeM portal as date of incorporation, as one time measure due to paucity of time.

In that way, the portal would not be asking for submission of ITR, as the same are required for sellers whose date of incorporation is 2 years or more. Further, the chair also clarified that the GeM would later allow updation of date of incorporation & change in constitution from proprietor to individual, once the requisite provision is made in the portal.

2. The lands, on which godowns are constructed have more than one owner, as the ownership of land changes with succession or other reasons. In such cases, how a bid offering single godown can be submitted by multiple owners.

The chair informed that since GeM would be working on allowing registration of individual as a seller, till then suggested that the multiple owners of a godown may authorize one of the owners to submit bid on GeM, whereas, the details of all the owners alongwith authorization letter and relevant documents be uploaded with technical bid documents.

The chair further suggested that the tender document may also be amended by way of issuing corrigendum for specifying as to who can participate in the bid as most of the bidders are individuals with land & building constructed under individual name and not business entity.

The General Manager (Finance), PUNGRAIN informed the chair that while creating the bid on GeM, the portal was not allowing to amend the quantity required and restricted same as 1, whereas, more than 140 godowns are to be rehired through this tender and separate work orders/ contracts are required to be issued/ executed for each of them. The chair asked the technical team to check the scope of tender and help PUNGRAIN in resolving this issue, so that the required work orders can be issued.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Date: 06.03.2023

(Rajesh Jain)