Sub.: Delegation of Powers: Procurement of Services through GeM

Ref.: i. Railway Board letter No. 88/RS(G)/779/14 Pt. dated 22/09/2017.
ii. Railway Board letter No. 88/RS(G)/779/14 Pt. dated 07/02/2020.
iii. Railway Board letter No. 2020/RS(G)/779/3 dated 17/06/2020.
vi. CRB’s D.O. letter No. 2020/RS(M)/GeM/Pl.1 dated 10.06.2020.

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1.0 Procurement of common use Goods and Services available on GeM through GeM is mandatory, in terms of instructions of Railway Board (ref. i). Adequate delegation of power vide letters at ref. i, ii and iii above upto Divisions, Depots, HQ and other extra Divisional units has been provided, empowering Stores officers (including tender committee powers in depots and divisions) to procure services through GeM.

2.0 Progress made in procurement of services available on GeM by Indian Railways was found unsatisfactory during various reviews done by Railway Board GeMSPV has brought out numerous cases where common use services, available on GeM, are being procured by Railway Units outside GeM. Even after repeated references (including ref. iv to vi) to Railways, complaints of procurement of common use services outside GeM are still being received. Railway Board has taken a very serious view of such practice.

3.0 Railway Board has, therefore, decided that to give thrust to procurement of services on GeM and ensure effective co-ordination with GeM along with monitoring, Stores Department, as per already delegated powers vide letter dated 07-02-2020 and 17-06-2020 referred above, shall be the exclusive agency for procurement of services through GeM.

This is issued with the approval of Railway Board (MMM, FC and CRB).

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