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**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Finance**  
**(Finance Personnel II-Branch)**

**Order**

Whereas Section 36 of the Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2019 identifies the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) as one of the permissible methods of procurement;

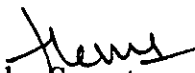
Whereas Rule 149 of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 mandates Central Government entities to procure common-use goods and services through the Government e-Marketplace and on a similar pattern, Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2019 and Rules 2022 allows for procurement through GEM. It has been felt that there is a need to remove ambiguity in respect of rules applicable for procurement through GEM to improve usage and effectiveness of the online procurement.

In order to facilitate ease of procurement and remove ambiguity, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to notify that when a procuring entity opts to use the Government e-Marketplace as its method of procurement, the process shall be governed by the general terms and conditions of the GeM portal. However, the provisions relating to acceptance of single bids on GeM and waiver of bid security for MSMEs, shall continue to be regulated by the Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2019, Rules 2022 and subsequent amendment from time to time.

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Additional Chief Secretary  
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Forwarded to all Administrative Secretaries for information and implementation.

  
Under Secretary  
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