

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(रेलवे बोर्ड / RAILWAY BOARD)

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No. 2016/RS(M)/GeM

Date: 28-05-2018

Principal Chief Materials Manager  
South Western Railway

Principal Chief Materials Manager  
Western Railway

**Sub. :** Procurement of Khadi items by Western Railway through GeM

**Ref. :** i) Railway Board's letter No. 88/RS(G)/779/14 Pt. dated 22-09-2017

ii) Railway Board's letter of even No. dated 28-09-2017

iii) Railway Board's letter of even No. dated 11-05-2018

iv) SWR's letter No. S/79/Bed.Linencorres/Policy dated 23-04-2018

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As per instructions contained in Railway Board's letter under reference (i), reiterated vide Railway Board's letter under reference (iii), procurement of **common use Goods and Services** by Ministries or Departments through GeM is mandatory, for Goods and Services available in GeM. Further, vide Railway Board's letter under reference (ii), WR has been nominated to procure "All Khadi items to be procured from KVIC" for requirement of all Zonal Railways, for items available in GeM, through GeM.

There is, however, no restriction on procurement of items, not available on GeM, through normal mode by respective railways, if otherwise not covered under any instructions on cluster based procurement.

It may, however, be noted that availability of items is of paramount importance. Therefore, in case of any exigencies, failure in supply through GeM, prevailing delegation of powers may be exercised duly recording the reasons, to ensure availability of materials so that operations/maintenance/outturn etc. of Railway are not affected.

  
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