



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Store Purchase Department-COVID-2019 -Emergency situation in the State-
Administrative and Financial arrangements-Relaxation in Purchase Rules-
Orders issued.

STORE PURCHASE(B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.09/2020/SPD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04/4/2020

ORDER

Several critical supply constraints have emerged in Kerala for items required to address the COVID-2019 pandemic. These include essential medical equipments such as ventilators, testing kits, medicines etc. and critical food supplies required to provide the essential items kits planned to be distributed to the priority population in April, 2020. It may be impossible to meet the sudden critical requirement by following the usual procurement procedure adopted against budgeted provisions. Therefore, the following emergency measures are ordered, empowering Secretaries to Government as well as District Collectors and HODs to incur emergency COVID relate procurement and also relax provisions of the Store Purchase Rules necessitating tender and quotation procedures with respect to these items.

1. All Secretaries to Government shall exercise financial powers upto Rs. 10 Crores at a time to procure any essential item as decided in the Crisis Management Group / Hon'ble Chief Minister's Review meeting / SDMA, without further circulation of papers and in relaxation of Store Purchase Rules after certifying that the rates accepted for procurement are fair and reasonable upon a practicable market enquiry. They may also negotiate with the lowest vendors and for critical items, make up to 90% advance payment after collecting receipts of payment/ agreements applicable. Full records of procurement should be retained.
2. All District Collectors / Heads of Departments / Managing Directors of PSU shall exercise financial powers upto Rs. 5 Crores at a time to procure any essential item as decided in the CMG / CMs review meeting / SDMA, without further circulation of papers and in relaxation of Store Purchase Rules after certifying that the rates accepted for procurement are fair and reasonable upon a practicable market enquiry. They may also negotiate with the lowest vendors, and for critical items, make up to 90% advance payment after collecting receipts of payment/ agreements applicable. Full records of procurement should be retained.

3. For procurement above Rs. 10 Crores and upto Rs. 100 Crores of critical items so certified by the Secretary to Government and HOD / Managing Director of PSU concerned, a committee consisting of Secretary to Government, Finance Secretary and Principal Secretary, Disaster Management shall be competent to accord Administrative Sanction subject to the conditions in Para 1 and 2.
4. For procurement costing above Rs. 100 Crores, and certified as essential for COVID -19 emergency, by the HOD and Secretary concerned, the committee chaired by the Chief Secretary and consisting of concerned HOD / Managing Director of PSU, Secretary to Govt, Finance Secretary and Principal Secretary, Disaster Management shall be competent to accord Administrative Sanction, subject to the conditions in Para 1 and 2.

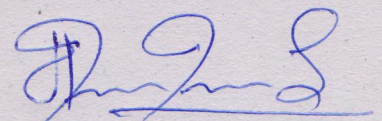
All procurement files shall only be circulated post facto to concerned Ministers. The procurement above Rs.100 Crores shall be placed before succeeding Council of Ministers for ratification. **Advance payment above 50% should normally be underwritten by a bank guarantee.** These enhanced levels delegation and exemptions will be applicable for an initial period of two months from the date of this order to address the public health emergency.

(By order of the Governor)
RAJESH KUMAR SINGH IAS
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

The Principal Accountant General(A&E), Kerala, TVPM
All Heads of Departments and Officers.
All District Collectors.
Managing Directors of all Public Sector Undertakings.
All ACS/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to Government.
All Departments of the Secretariat including Law & Finance.
The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, I&PRD/ Web and New Media
C-DIT, TVPM(for updating the GO in the website of
Store Purchase Department)
Private Secretary to Chief minister
Private Secretary to All ministers
The Special Secretary to Chief Secretary.
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