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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
(National Health Mission)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 18th September 2021

To

Dr. Darez Ahamad, IAS  
Mission Director,  
National Health Mission- TN &  
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**Subject: Request for approval of procurement of Equipment and Drugs through State Procurement Agency following State norms instead of GeM portal – Reg.**

In reference to your letter R.No.3900/NHM/P4/2021 dated 14.09.2021 from The Mission Director, NHM, Tamil Nadu requesting to permit procurement of certain equipment and drugs & consumables through State Procurement Agency – Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation instead of GeM portal, for few of the activities approved under ECRP-II for the State on the following grounds. :

- Drug and consumables through TN Medical Services Corporation, rate contract system, to ensure common uniform rate and as drugs are not available in GeM
- Procurement of equipment for the activities of strengthening of RT-PCR labs such as RT-PCR machine, Automatic extraction machine and other accessories such as Deep Freezer, Bio-safety cabinet, centrifuge, etc based on the Open Reagent System to ensure compatibility with previous installations and standardization
- Procurement for establishment of 12 bedded HYBRID ICU units in 43 institutions - process on execution through turn-key basis is not available under GeM
- Procurement of LMO tank with MGPS on turn-key basis installation is not available under GeM.

2 In this regard, it is conveyed that the Ministry has examined the proposal for

exemption to GeM and concurred with the proposal permit procurement of certain equipment and drugs & consumables through State Procurement Agency – Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation instead of GeM portal. However, the State is requested to ensure all other conditions of procurement of ECRP-II including making available the non-availability certificate from GeM in the procurement files, wherever applicable and follow due diligence and financial procedure.

3 This issues with concurrence of AS&FA

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