



Government of India  
Ministry of Textiles

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No. Jute (Mktg)/110/2016-GeM.

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To  
All Jute Mills / State Procuring Agencies

Sub: Procurement of jute bags for packing of food grains through Reverse Auction on GeM portal.

Sir,

1. It is informed that Government of India, Ministry of Textiles have issued an Order bearing S.O.No. 5878(E) dated 30-11-2018 under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 stipulating 100% foodgrains and 20% sugar are required to be compulsorily packed in jute packaging material to protect the interest of persons engaged in the production of raw jute and jute packaging material. The said Order also incorporated following provisions:-

a) Initially 10% of the indents for foodgrains would be placed through Reverse Auction on the Government e-Market Place (GeM) portal.

b) To the extent jute mills fail to supply through the Government e-Marketplace(GeM) portal bidding within the permissible 30 days, the Ministry of Textiles shall allow upfront dilution of mandatory packaging norm and the allocation formula for the Production-cum-Supply Orders shall be modified to incentivize participation of jute mills in the Government e-Marketplace(GeM) portal.

2. For procurement of jute sacking for packing 50-kg foodgrains through GeM, a meeting of the Consultative Committee was held on 15-01-2019 under the Chairmanship of Additional CEO GeM-SPV. It has been informed in the meeting that for procurement of bags through GeM, registration of all jute mills & buyers is mandatory.

3. In the said meeting, it was, among others, decided that this office will instruct all Jute Mills and the Buying Agencies/State Procuring Agencies(SPAs) to register themselves on GeM.

4. As per the decision, all jute mills and the Buying Agencies/State Procuring Agencies(SPAs) are requested to register themselves in GeM portal. After registration, the same may please be intimated to this office.

Yours faithfully,

(Kousik Chakraborty)  
Dy. Jute Commissioner

**Copy to:**

1. Shri Akhilesh Kumar, Dy. CEO-GeM SPV, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India.
2. Shri Manish Poddar, Chairman, Indian Jute Mills Association, 6, N.S.Road, Kolkata-1 –He is requested to advise all jute mills to register themselves with GeM immediately.