

Interactive Training Session on GeM - Government e Marketplace Procedures and Opportunities

The Indian Technical Textile Association (ITTA) organized the *"Interactive Training Session on the GeM - Government e Marketplace Procedures and Opportunities"* on 24th February 2022 on Virtual Platform. The workshop received over whelming response and attended by 50+ delegates from the technical textile Industry, COEs, Consultants, etc.

Shri. Amit Agarwal, Chairman, ITTA welcomed the Speaker from GeM, ITTA members & other Stakeholders from the Technical Textile (TT) industry present in the interactive session. He highlighted that ITTA initiated this interactive session for the growth of industry, to understand the importance of GeM and how it will be helpful for technical textile business. GeM portal has grown tremendously from last 5 years with a sole objective of creating a transparent procurement platform for the buyers.

Shri. Sagar Soni, Regional Manager, Business Facilitator, GeM spoke about the GeM Procedures and Opportunities. He explained the what is GeM and its importance. Key stakeholders of GeM - Internal Stakeholders, Buyers, Sellers, External Govt. Systems, Inspection Systems and Partners. He highlighted the key advantages to seller, Public Procurement Policy (PPP) for MSEs & its benefits are tender sets free of cost, exemption from earnest money (EMD), purchase preference for minimum 25% qty. to MSEs and 358 items exclusively reserved for MSEs and current functionalities deployed in GeM for PPP - MSEs. They offer multiple procurement options such as Direct Purchase- for amounts less than INR 25,000/-, L1- for amounts greater than INR 25,000/- & less than INR 5 lakhs, Intent of Buying-PAC - procurement of specific product as per requirement is also possible, Intent of Buying-Bid - if objective is to go for BID (ONLY BID), there is no need of comparison and Bid/RA - procurement via BID/ RA to get the best price quote. He mentioned in detail about the function-based flexibility for seller users, ratings for sellers, category driven catalogue management system and vendor assessment by Quality Council of India. He also explained about the Introduction to Seller/Provide Functionality and how to enroll on GeM portal - pre-requisite for registration, profile completion- divide into 4 sections.

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Interactive Session with Industry participants was held at the end of the training session by ITTA. Major points/ views/ suggestions raised by the participants are as follow - If company registered with items with government departments then assessment is necessary for OEM dashboard, What is the process followed for assessing a company in the system?, If the category is not listed, then how should we add it?, Is caution money different from registration money paid?, Can a OEM seller be a reseller for other products as trading activity?, What is the role of stock? if we mention zero then we can participate in bid or not, If product has not published by firm then, how firms can participate in custom items, Can we create a product category if the same is not in GEM Portal and What is the deference between Past performance and Experience criteria?. Shri. Soni answered all the queries of participants and asked the participants to contact GeM support assistance if they have any other queries.