



# भारतीय राष्ट्रीय सहकारी संघ

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## NATIONAL COOPERATIVE UNION OF INDIA

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The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer  
NCUI Member Organizations (All)

**Sub. : Registration for Cooperative Societies as buyers on GeM Portal – reg.**

Dear Sir

As you may be aware that in a welcome move recently the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for expanding the mandate of GeM to allow procurement by Cooperatives as buyers on the GeM portal.

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) was launched by the government in 2016 to provide enabling and transparent procurement platform for Government buyers only. Cooperatives were excluded from its list of eligible buyers and were hence not allowed to register. However, with this historic decision more than 8.54 lakh registered cooperatives will be eligible to register as buyers and benefit from this one-stop portal to procure their day-to-day requirements. Allowing Cooperative Societies to register on GeM as "buyers" would help them in getting competitive prices through an open and, transparent process and enable cooperatives in terms of "Ease of Doing Business" which the government is committed to extend to the cooperative sector.

As an apex organization of the Indian cooperative movement, NCUI would soon be registering itself as a buyer on the GeM portal and start purchasing goods and services. Further, in the days to come NCUI in collaboration with the ministry of cooperation and the GeM SPV, will organise webinars for cooperatives to help understand the benefits of the portal along with the steps on the registration process etc. GeM SPV will be extending dedicated handholding to all cooperatives in the entire process.

You are requested to spread this information to all your member cooperatives and encourage them to register themselves on the GeM Portal as and when the registrations open – for which NCUI will regularly be updating you.

Looking forward to your cooperation.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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