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Subject: - Request for setting up a Project Team at GeM for making a Report on “Identification of products having local Class-I/Class-II suppliers”

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

This bears reference to our meeting dated June 12, 2021. One of the issues that was highlighted during the meeting was on the configuration of GeM portal where only local Class-I / Class-II suppliers can bid against a “Request for Proposal (RFP)” while there are many products where there are no local suppliers and are almost 100% imported.

Please allow us to remind of your kind offer to tackle this issue by setting up a GeM Project Team for **collating a report which identifies the products having local Class-I/Class-II Suppliers and the products which do not have local Class-I/Class-II suppliers.**

Considering the fact, GEM has a visibility of the number of Vendors in each subcategory of products; such report coming from GeM shall greatly help the consumers and industry for sourcing and providing the products. MAIT will be happy to assign a person who can support the “Project Team” of GeM in this endeavour. Basis this report, **MAIT will take up this matter with the concerned Ministries for allowing non-local to participate in the RFPs having products where Class-I & Class-II bidders are not available, and the buyer may then proceed to buy non-local.**

Your positive and early consideration of this request which shall take care of concerns of buyers as well as sellers while also contributing to the nation’s growth through elimination of delays in critical Infrastructure project, as ICT being the core of all such products.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer