

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 128(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

WOMANIYA ON GeM

128(H). SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Womaniya on Government e-Market place (GeM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the benefits of this scheme;
- (c) the details of method by which the Government proposes to connect women with this scheme;
- (d) whether the Government e-Market place is a Government company and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the persons involved in its management; and
- (e) the details of parts of the country where this scheme has been implemented?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a):** Yes Madam. Womaniya on GeM was launched on 15th January, 2019.
- (b):** “Womaniya on GeM” is an initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and Women Self – Help Groups [WSHG] to sell handicrafts and handloom accessories, jute and coir products, home decor and office furnishings, directly to various Government Ministries, Departments and Institutions to enable access of WSHGs to markets.
- (c):** GeM works with partner Ministries, State Governments, Self Help Groups and various stakeholders from corporate and NGO community to connect women with Womaniya
- (d):** Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is a 100 percent Government owned Section 8 company set-up under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India for procurement of common use goods and services by various government Ministries, Departments and CPSEs. Board of Directors of GeM is headed by the Commerce Secretary.
- (e):** GeM is available to all government and its agencies across India for purposes of procurement of general goods and services.
