Pre-Bid Queries and Official Clarifications (Meeting held on 13.11.2026) – Tender for Design, Development, Implementation, Operation, Maintenance and Support of Kasturi Cotton Bharat e-Marketplace Portal under Mission for Cotton Productivity (Kapas Kanti) [GeM Bid No.: GEM/2026/B/8205802]

Queries raised by Participants	**Response by CCI**
Clarification was sought on whether subsidiaries of BSE and NSE are permitted to participate in the bidding process.	Refer Corrigendum.
Clarification was sought regarding whether the bid submission deadline will be extended in the event of a corrigendum being issued	Yes, as per GeM Provisions.
Clarification was sought on the Tender Evaluation Criteria QCBS, requesting to remove the Point Number-3 i.e. (The bidder should have their own data center empanelled by MeitY operating in India at one or multiple locations) from Annexure-1 of 15 marks.	Refer Corrigendum.
Clarification was sought regarding whether the bid submission deadline will be extended in the event of a corrigendum being issued	Yes, as per GeM Provision.
Whether relevant agricultural e-marketplace experience and the credentials of a specialised associate/subsidiary company may be considered when assessing eligibility, particularly where the parent company operates under a regulatory framework and the specialised entity undertakes digital marketplace opportunities.	Refer Corrigendum.
Clarification was sought regarding eligibility and documentary requirements for EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) exemption	EMD shall be treated as per the GeM provisions.