Functional Requirement Document (FRD)

Flipkart Multi-Vendor Marketplace Enhancement

1. Project Overview

Project Name: Flipkart Multi-Vendor Marketplace Enhancement

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1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this FRD is to define the functional requirements for enhancing Flipkart's multi-vendor marketplace. The document details the system functionalities, user interactions, and technical specifications required to implement new features.

1.2 Scope

The system should:

- Enable streamlined seller onboarding and management.
- Implement AI-powered product recommendations.
- Provide a price comparison feature for multi-seller products.
- Automate dispute resolution for returns and refunds.
- Enhance real-time order tracking and status updates.

2. System Features & Functional Requirements

2.1 Seller Onboarding & Management

Description: The system should allow sellers to register, submit business details, and manage product listings.

Functional Requirements:

- The seller registration process should include identity verification (e.g., PAN, GST, business license upload).
- Sellers should be able to add, update, and delete product listings.
- A dashboard should be provided for sellers to track sales, inventory, and returns.

2.2 AI-Powered Product Recommendations

Description: Al-based personalized product suggestions based on customer browsing and purchase history.

Functional Requirements:

- Implement a recommendation engine using customer behavioral data.
- Display suggested products on the homepage and product pages.
- Allow users to provide feedback on recommendations to improve accuracy.

2.3 Price Comparison Feature

Description: Customers should be able to compare multiple sellers' prices for the same product.

Functional Requirements:

- Display a comparison table of prices from different sellers.
- Highlight the best deal based on price, rating, and delivery time.
- Allow customers to filter by seller rating, return policy, and shipping time.

2.4 Automated Dispute Resolution for Returns

Description: Al-driven return and refund processing to improve efficiency and reduce fraud. Functional Requirements:

- Automate return approvals based on predefined policies.
- Implement AI-based fraud detection for return abuse.
- Notify sellers and customers about return/refund status.

2.5 Real-Time Order Tracking

Description: Enhanced tracking system for better customer experience.

Functional Requirements:

- Provide real-time updates on order status from warehouse to delivery.
- Integrate with logistics partners for live tracking updates.
- Send push notifications to customers about delivery status.

3. User Roles & Permissions

Role	Permissions
Seller	Manage store, add/edit/delete products, track orders
Customer	Browse, purchase, track orders, return items
Admin	Manage sellers, resolve disputes, oversee system operations
Logistics	Update delivery status, manage shipments

4. Assumptions & Constraints

4.1 Assumptions

- The AI recommendation model will be trained on existing user data.
- Sellers will comply with return policies and provide accurate product details.
- Flipkart's logistics partners will provide tracking APIs for integration.

4.2 Constraints

- Data privacy laws must be adhered to when handling customer data.
- System downtime should not exceed 1% per month.
- The platform should handle concurrent transactions efficiently.

5. Performance Metrics

Metric	Target
Seller Onboarding Time	Reduce by 30%
Al Recommendation Accuracy	Improve by 25%
Dispute Resolution Time	Reduce from 5 days to 2 days
Order Tracking Accuracy	99% real-time updates

6. Risks & Mitigation

Risk	Mitigation Strategy
Al recommendation errors	Regular model retraining and fine-tuning
Fraudulent returns	Implement stricter return verification policies
System downtime	Implement scalable cloud architecture

7. Next Steps

- 1. Develop wireframes & prototypes.
- 2. Conduct system testing.
- 3. Deploy in a phased manner with user feedback.

8. Conclusion

The proposed enhancements aim to streamline the multi-vendor marketplace, improve seller and customer experiences, and drive platform efficiency. This FRD outlines the necessary system functionalities for implementation.

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