

No. F.4/1/2021-PPD  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division

512, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market  
New Delhi Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

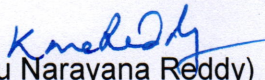
**Subject: Relaxation on Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017- reg.**

Attention is invited to this Department's OM No. F.12/17/2019-PPD dated 15.05.2020 regarding amendment in Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules(GFRs) 2017 stipulating that no Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) shall be invited for tenders upto Rs.200.00 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by this Department from time to time. It further stipulates that in exceptional cases, where the Ministry or the Department feels that there are special reasons for GTE, it may record its detailed justification and seek prior approval for relaxation to the above Rule from the competent authority i.e. Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat.

2. In this connection, it is clarified that this office OM No. 12/17/2019-PPD dated 15.05.2020 will not be applicable in following cases:

- a. Where procuring entities need to issue GTEs to fulfil contractual commitments/ obligations entered by them before 15.05.2020 i.e. bid has been submitted by them to their clients before 15.05.2020.
- b. Where procuring entities need to issue GTEs in view of existing collaboration agreements entered by them with foreign suppliers before 15.05.2020.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

  
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To,

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