

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

264-C, North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 11th June, 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. The prevailing health emergency on account of the COVID-19 cases across the country requires immediate procurement of certain items to overcome the situation. Apart from medical equipment, Government Agencies who are involved in strengthen the health infrastructure/ making efforts to fight with COVID-19 may also require manufacturing COVID-19 related items/ equipments.

3. In view of above, a general relaxation is being granted under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 to all Ministries/Departments till 31.10.2021 for procurement of Covid-19 related items/ equipments/ services etc through GTEs with the approval of Secretary of concerned Ministry/ Department.

4. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

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To,

All the Secretaries and Financial Advisers to Government of India

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