

No. DPE/7(4)/2017-Fin.  
Government of India  
Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises  
Department of Public Enterprises

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Public Enterprises Bhawan  
Block No.14, CGO Complex  
New Delhi – 110003

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) -regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward the Department of Expenditure (DoE) OM No. 12/17/2019-PPD dated 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and subsequent clarifications issued vide OMs No.12/17/2019-PPD dated 28<sup>th</sup> May,2020 on the above mentioned subject for information and compliance by CPSEs.

2. All the administrative Ministries/ Departments of CPSEs are requested to direct their CPSEs to follow the above directions.

3. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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(Kalyani Mishra)  
Director  
Tel.24362061

Encl.: As above

- To
- All the Secretaries to the Administrative Ministries/Departments of CPSEs
  - Chief Executives of CPSEs

F.No.12/17/2019-PPD  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Public Procurement Division  
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North Block, New Delhi  
Dated the 15th May, 2020


Subject: Amendment in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 – Global Tender Enquiry

In pursuance of Prime Minister's address to the Nation on 12.05.2020, in order to promote self reliance, Make in India and to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), it has been decided to make following amendments in the GFRs:

Present Rule 161(iv)	Amended Rule 161(iv)
Where the Ministry or Department feels that the goods of the required quality, specifications etc., may not be available in the country and it is necessary to also look for suitable competitive offers from abroad, the Ministry or Department may send copies of the tender notice to the Indian Embassies abroad as well as to the Foreign Embassies in India. The selection of the embassies will depend on the possibility of availability of the required goods in such countries. In such cases e-procurement as per Rule 160 may not be insisted.	(a) <b>Global Tender Enquiry (GTE):</b> Where the Ministry or Department feels that the goods of the required quality, specifications etc., may not be available in the country and it is necessary to also look for suitable competitive offers from abroad, the Ministry or Department may send copies of the tender notice to the Indian Embassies abroad as well as to the Foreign Embassies in India. The selection of the embassies will depend on the possibility of availability of the required goods in such countries. In such cases e-procurement as per Rule 160 may not be insisted  (b) No Global Tender Enquiry (GTE), however shall be invited for tenders up to Rs 200 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by the Department of Expenditure from time to time.

	<p>Provided that for tenders below such limit, in exceptional cases, where the Ministry or 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 specified by the Department of Expenditure.</p>
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2. Instructions regarding Competent Authority mentioned in Rule 161 (iv) (b) will be issued separately.

  
15.5.20

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To

1. Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments, Govt of India
2. Mr Saalesh, Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Room no 301, Block 14, CGO complex, New Delhi. Tel: 24366171, email: [secy-dpe@nic.in](mailto:secy-dpe@nic.in) with a request to consider issuing similar instructions with respect to Central Public Sector Underfakings.

No.F.12/17/2019-PPD  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division

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168c North Block, New Delhi,  
Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

**Subject: Global Tender Enquiry (GTE).**

Attention is invited to this office OM No. F.12/17/2019-PPD dated 15.05.2020 amending Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 and specifying that no GTE shall be invited for tenders up to Rs.200 crore. It is further clarified in this regard that:

- (i) Restriction on Global Tenders as specified in the revised Rule 161(iv) will be applicable on all procurements including Goods, Non-consulting services, Consultancy Services and Works including turnkey projects.
- (ii) The instructions are applicable with immediate effect i.e. for all the tenders published in newspapers or website after 15.05.2020.

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To,

Secretaries of all Central Government Ministries/ Departments

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2. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat shall be the competent authority under Rule 161 (iv) (b) of GFR. Ministries/ Departments are advised to send only well reasoned proposals to Secretary (Coordination). Secretary (Coordination), if required, may consult Department of Expenditure, Administrative Ministry and any other Ministry/ Department as he deemed fit.

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