RELEASE PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASE ORDER

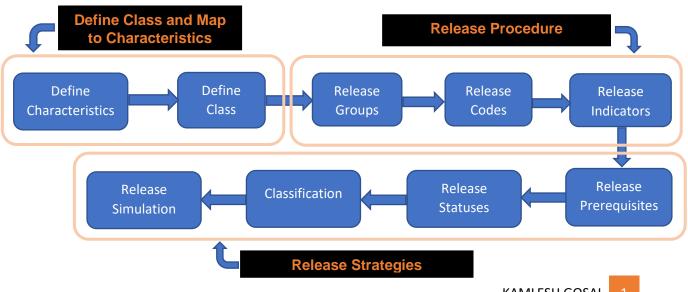
Release strategy is the approval strategy for the purchasing documents such as, purchase orders, purchase requisitions, contracts, scheduling agreements, etc into SAP system.

A release strategy involves a process whereby an approver verifies document data such as material, quantity, value and then gives the authorization to purchase.

Before going into how release procedure for purchase order is being configured, there are few important terminologies with reference to release procedure for purchase order, which we need to understand and are as follows:

- ✓ Release Group: Group of persons responsible for releasing the Purchasing documents with assigned strategy.
- ✓ Release Code: It is a two-character alphanumeric code defined for each individual group (department) in the release group.
- ✓ Release Indicator: It is a one-character code, which represents a release status. It is assigned to a document. When an individual person of a group affects release with his release code, a release indicator is assigned to a document.
 - E.g.: Blocked 'B', Released 'R"
 - If a document is not released: It cannot print a document, you cannot send this to the concerned vendor & You cannot do the receipt of the goods.
- ✓ Release Strategies: It defines the sequence in which the purchase document is to be released. It contains the release conditions, release codes, release prerequisites. It defines the entire approval or release process.
- Release Pre-requisite: It defines, who has to release the document first.

Process Flow of Release Procedure for Purchase Order



✓ Release Procedure for PO - Configuration Steps are as follows:

1. Edit Characteristic

Characteristics are properties of objects. We will be creating characteristics as:

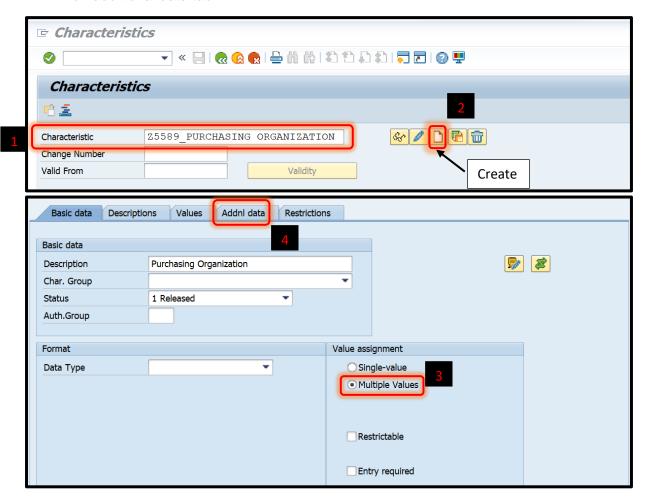
- Purchasing organization
- Plant
- Company code
- > Total net order value

Transaction code used to create characteristic: CT04

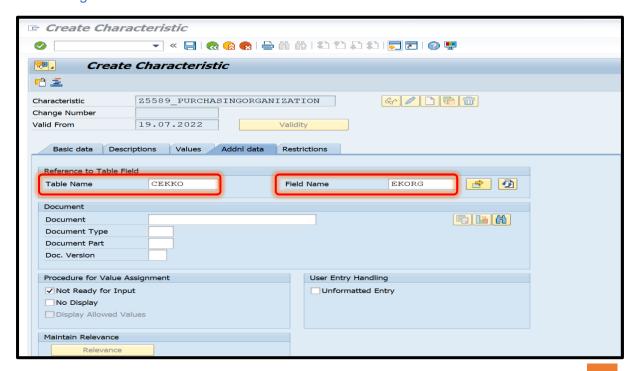
Menu Path: SPRO SAP Reference IMG Materials Management Purchasing Purchase Order Release Procedure for purchase orders Edit Characteristic



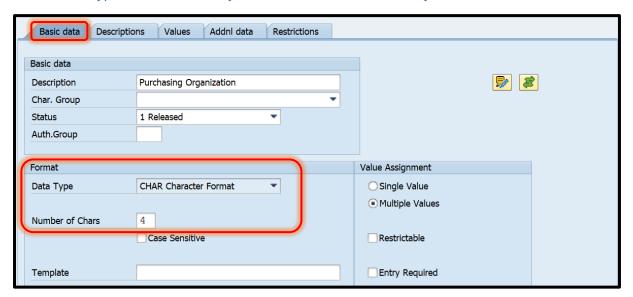
✓ Enter characteristic description, click on create, select multiple values and then click on additional data tab



✓ Enter Table name as CEKKO for PO and Field Name as EKORG for Purchasing Organization



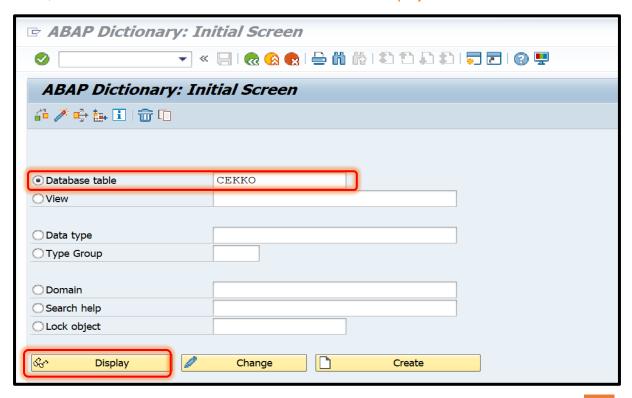
✓ As soon as we enter table, field name and press enter, the format data under basic data type are automatically fetched from ABAP dictionary



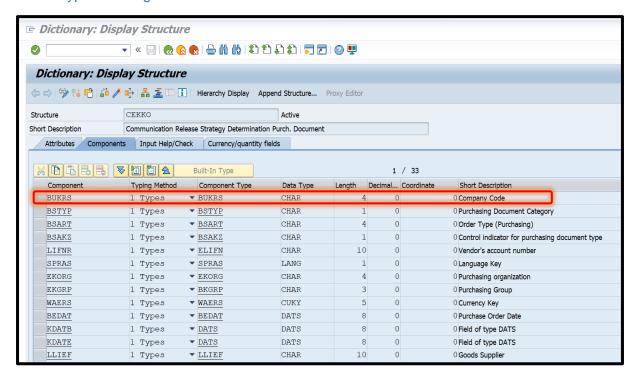
✓ Similarly, we can create characteristics for plant, company code and total purchase order net order value as we created for purchasing organization in above steps.

Characteristics	Table Name	Field Name
Plant	CEKKO	WERKS
Company Code	CEKKO	BUKRS
 Total PO Net Order Value 	CEKKO	GNETW

Note: In order to know the field name for the characteristics such as purchasing organization, plant, company code, total purchase order net value, etc, use transaction code SE11, enter CEKKO in database table and then click on display as shown below.



✓ Here we can see the field name i.e. BUKRS for Company code and also the data type and length of the characters.

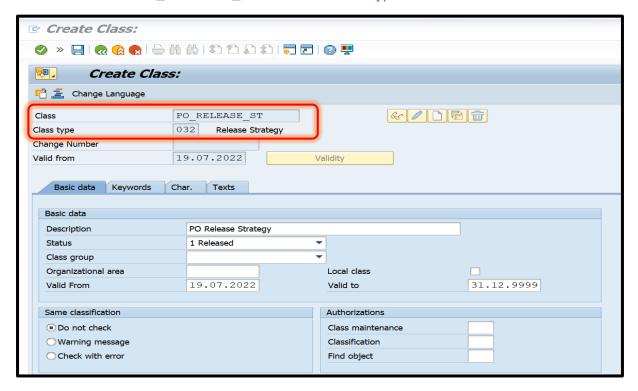


2. Edit Class

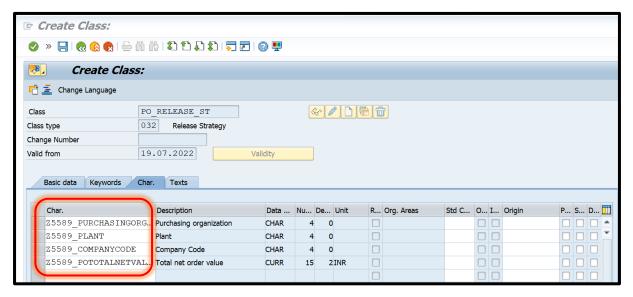
A Class is a group of characteristics.

Transaction code used to create class: CL02. Class type 032 to be used for release strategy.

Enter class as PO_RELEASE_ST and select class type 032



✓ Assign the characteristics which we created to the class i.e. PO_RELEASE_ST



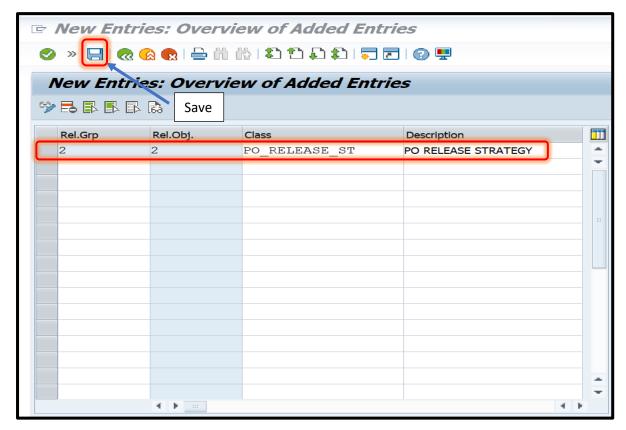
3. Define Release Procedure for Purchase Orders

Release Groups:

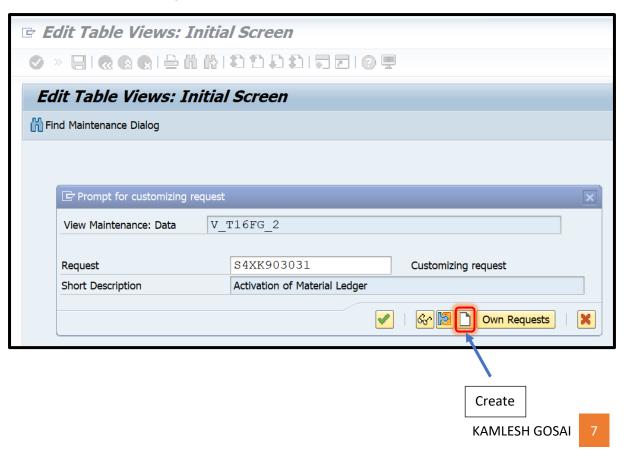
Release group 01 is defined for purchase requisitions and release group 02 for purchase orders. We can define release strategy S3 for both purchase requisitions and purchase orders.



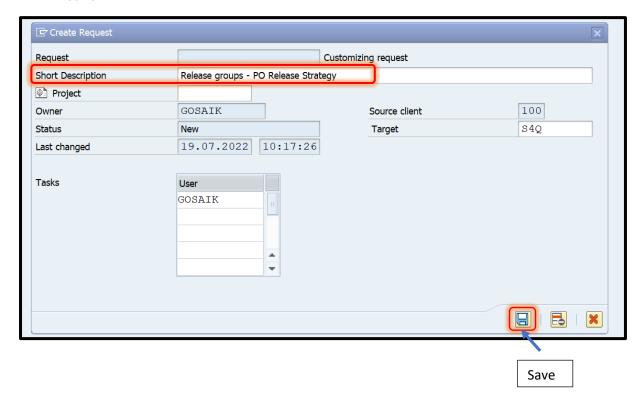
✓ Enter Release Group Code 2 for purchase order, class PO_RELEASE_ST, description and then click on save



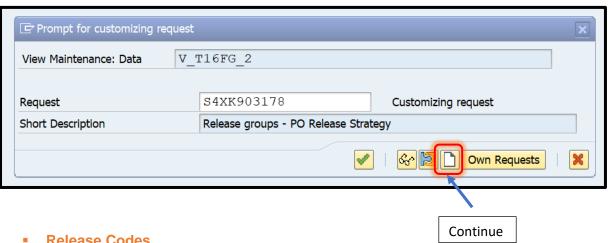
✓ Click on create to generate a transport request



✓ Enter the short description of the transport request to be generated and then click on save



✓ Click on continue



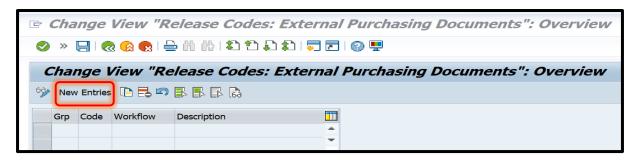
Release Codes

Release codes are assigned to Release groups that we created above i.e. Release group 2.

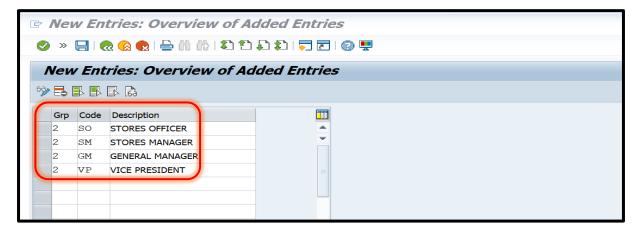
For Example, in our case all these release codes will be assigned to release group 2:

- ✓ Release Code SO Stores officer
- Release Code SM Stores Manager
- ✓ Release Code GM General Manager
- ✓ Release Code VP Vice President

✓ Click on new entries



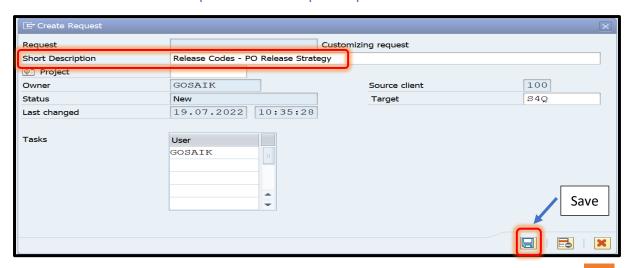
✓ Enter the release codes, assign it to the release groups as shown below and then click on save



Click on create to generate transport request



✓ Enter the short description of the transport request & then click on save



✓ Click on continue



Release Indicator

A release indicator shows the release status of a purchase order.

For example: Release indicator A means Released and Release Indicator D Means Blocked in our case.

The Changeability indicator shows the effect of changes to the PO (a change to a PO may require a new release strategy to be determined, for instance).

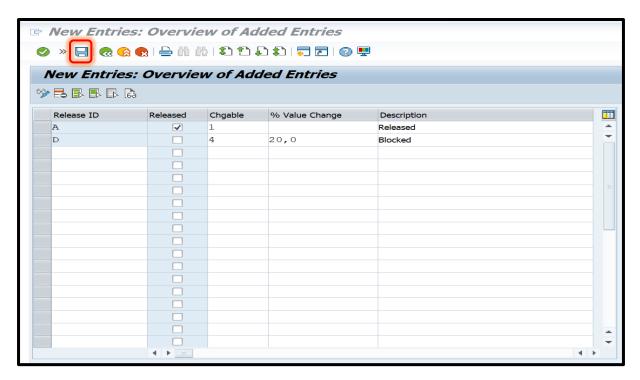
By means of the Value change indicator, you can specify that the release strategy is to be re-started if a PO is changed and the value of a PO item thereby increases by a certain percentage (e.g. 20%).

Following are the changeable indicators options:

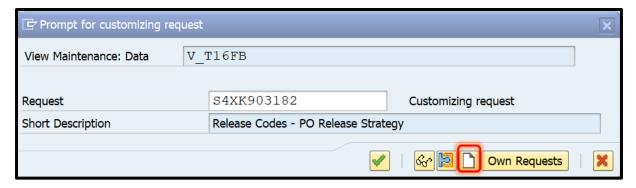
Changeable indicator	Short description
1	Cannot be changed
2	Changeable, no new determination of strategy
3	Changeable, new release in case of new strategy
4	Changeable, new release in case of new strategy or value change
5	Changeable, new release if new strategy/outputted
6	Changeable, new rel. if new strategy or value change/outputted
	Changeable, new release in case of new strategy

In our case, we have set the changeability indicator as 1 i.e. cannot be changed and 4 i.e. changeable, new release in case of new strategy or value change.

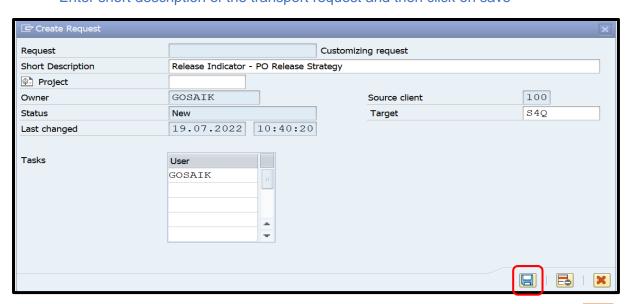
✓ Select the released checkbox against release indicator A and then click on save.



✓ Click on create to generate transport request



✓ Enter short description of the transport request and then click on save



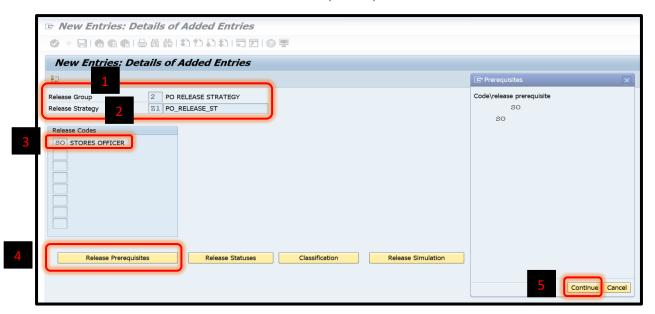
✓ Click on continue



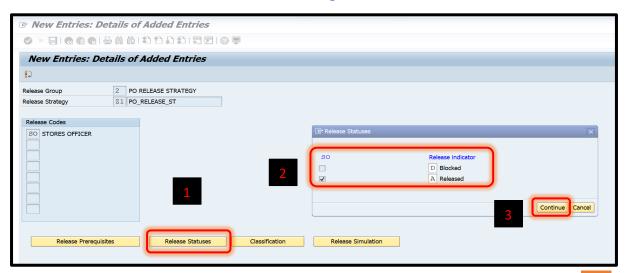
Release Strategy

Now Create a release strategy for your release group and assign your release codes accordingly.

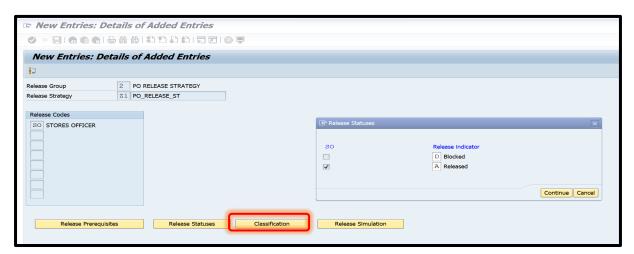
In our case, create a release strategy Z1 for release group 2, assign release code SO for Stores officer, click on release pre-requisites and then click on continue



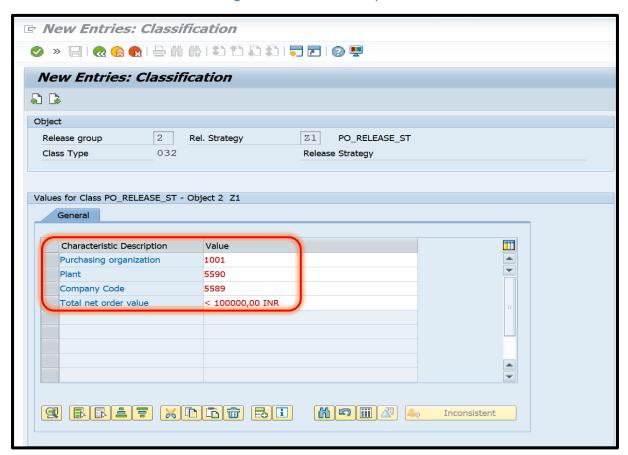
✓ Click on Release Statuses, as per below screen shot, Initially the PO will be blocked for release. When the PO is released using release code SO, the PO will be released



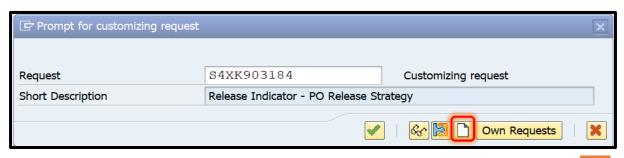
✓ Click on Classification



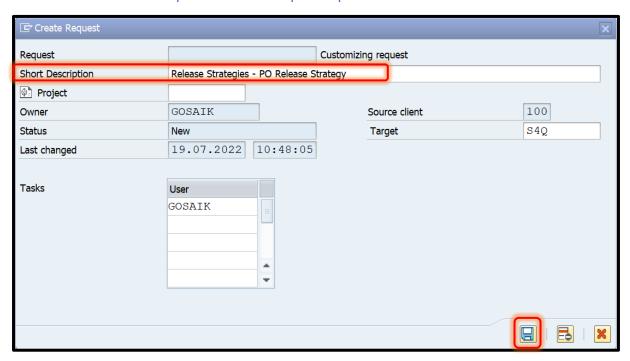
Enter Value for the following characteristic description as shown below



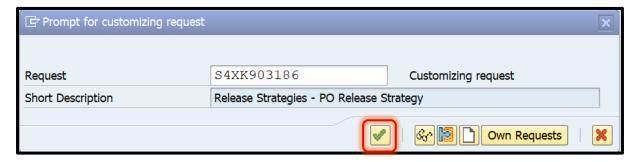
✓ Click on create to generate transport request



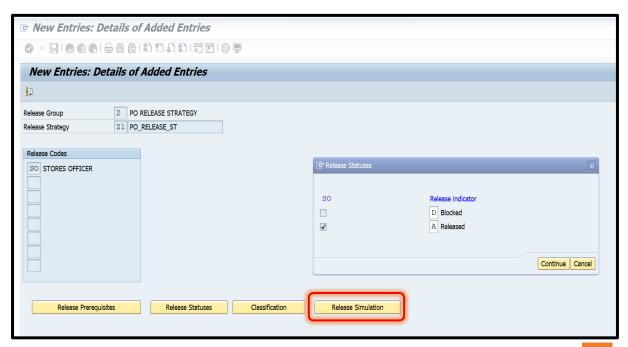
✓ Enter Short description for the transport request and then click on save



✓ Click on Continue

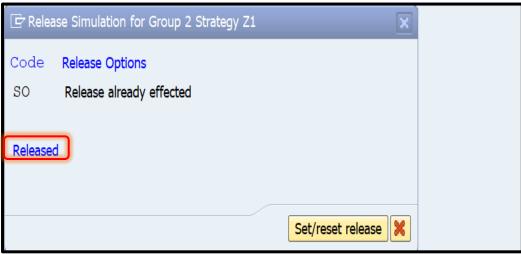


✓ Click on Release Simulation

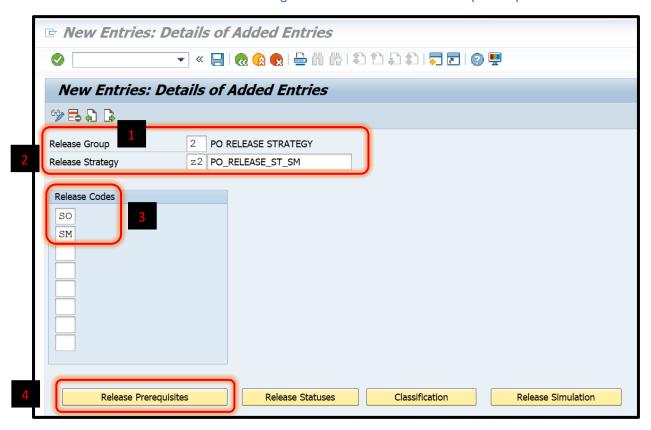


✓ Click on Simulate release, initially release indicator status is blocked, select SO release possible, click on set/reset release and release indicator status will be changed to released.

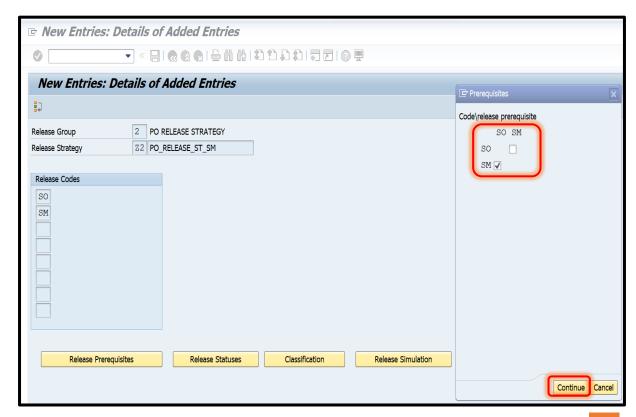




✓ Create a release strategy Z2 for release group 2, assign release code SO for stores officer and SM for stores manager and then click on release pre-requisites

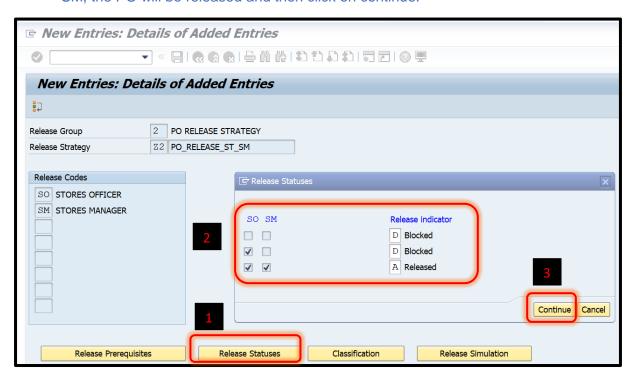


✓ Here in our case, we are saying there is no prerequisite for release code SO and for release code SM it is required that release code SO has to be there and then click on continue

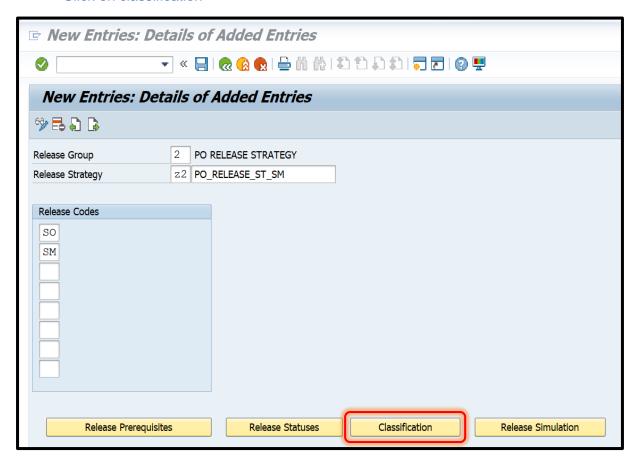


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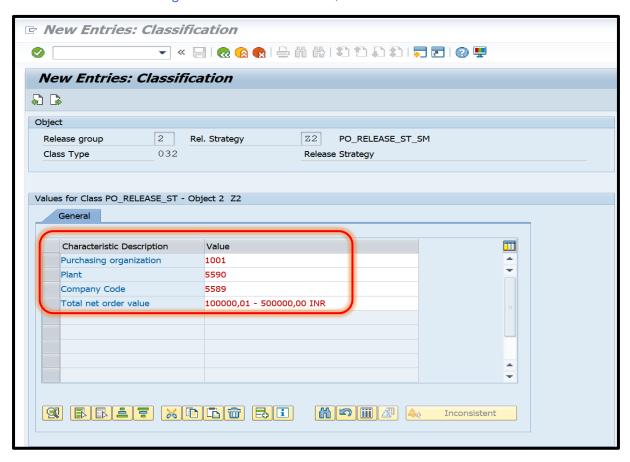
✓ Click on Release Statuses. As per the release indicators we have set, Initially the PO will be blocked for release. When the PO is released using release code SO, the PO will still be in blocked status. After release from SO, then release using release code SM, the PO will be released and then click on continue.



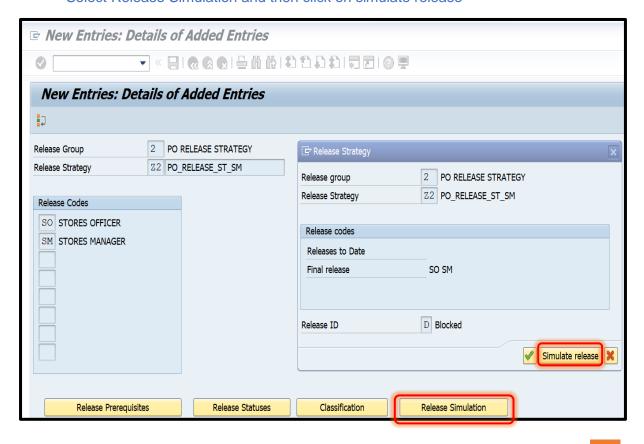
✓ Click on classification



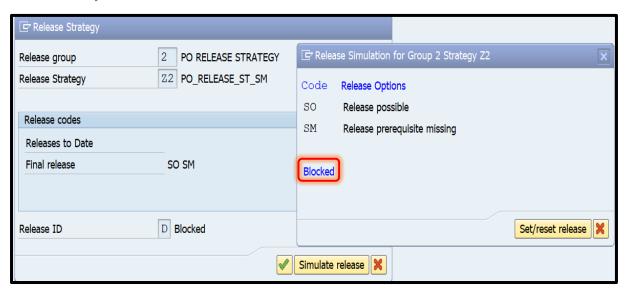
✓ Enter the following details as shown below, click exit button and then click on save



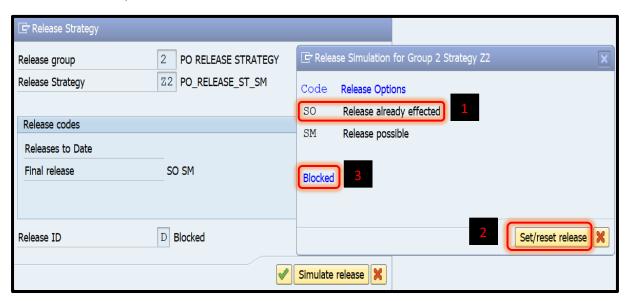
✓ Select Release Simulation and then click on simulate release



✓ Initially it will be in blocked status as shown



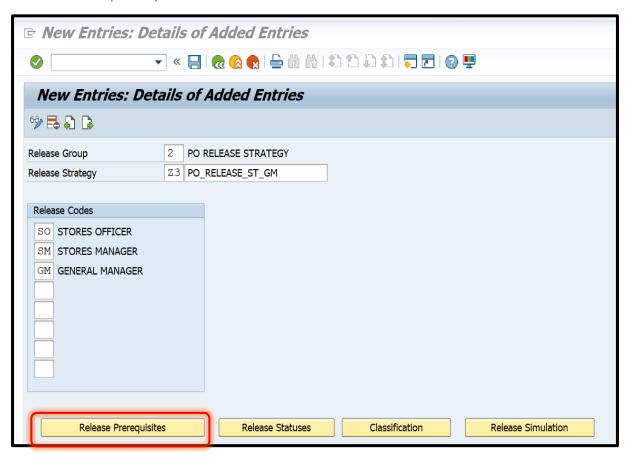
✓ Select SO, click on set/reset release and still it will be in blocked status



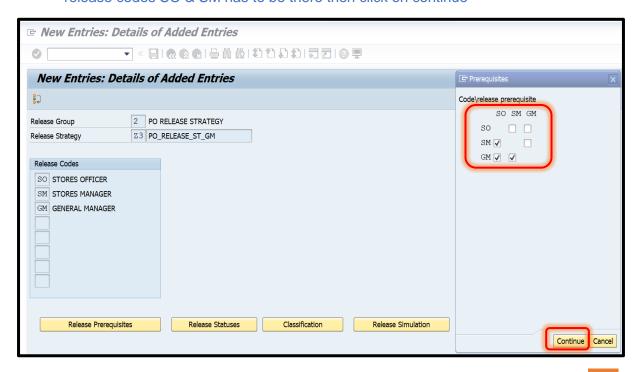
✓ Select SM, click on set/reset release and it will be in released status



✓ Then create a release strategy Z3 for release group 2, assign release code SO for stores officer, SM for stores manager, GM for general manager and then click on release pre-requisites

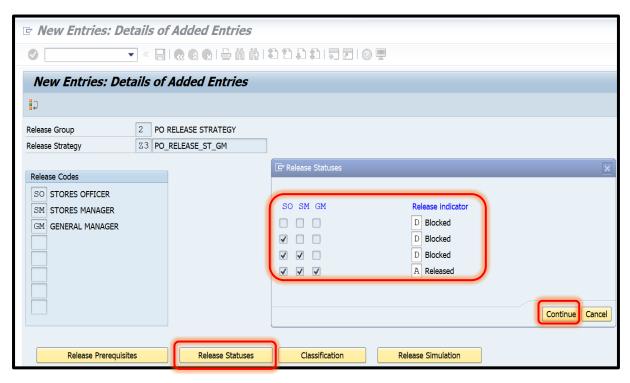


✓ Here, there is no prerequisite for release code SO, for release code SM it is required that release code SO has to be there and for release code GM it is required that both release codes SO & SM has to be there then click on continue

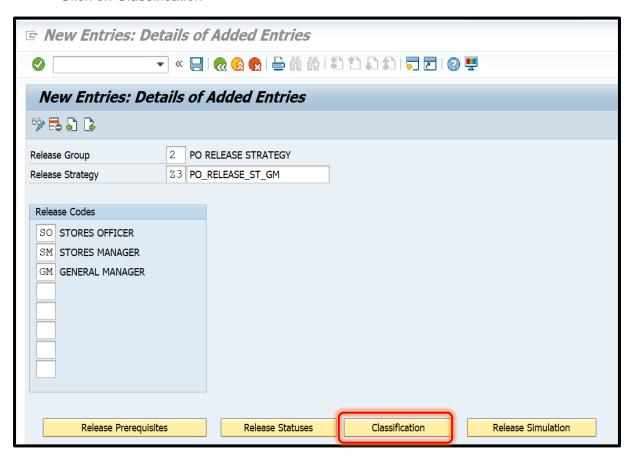


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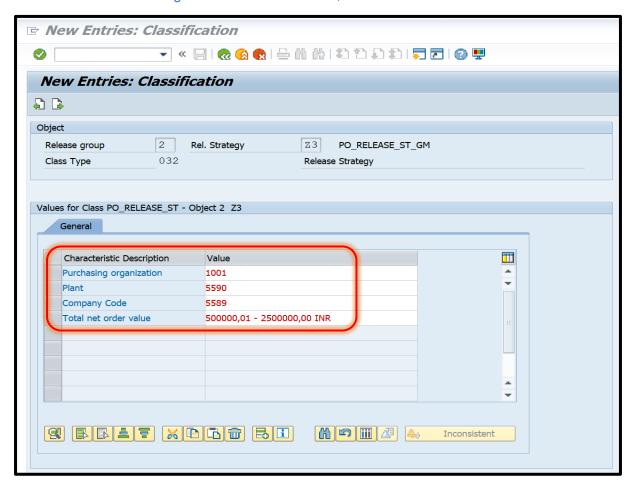
✓ Click on Release Statuses. As per below screen shot, Initially the PO will be blocked
for release. When the PO is released using release code SO & SM the PO will still be
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released and then click on continue.



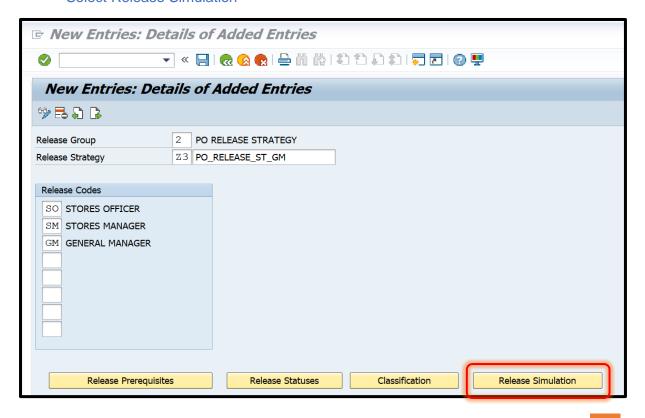
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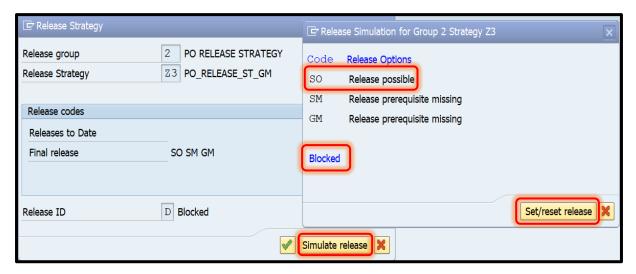
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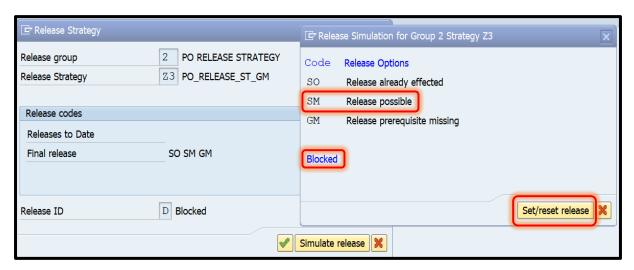
✓ Select Release Simulation.



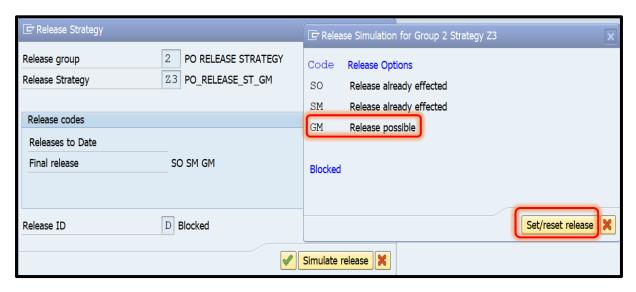
✓ Click on simulate release, initially it will be in blocked status, select SO and click on set/ reset release



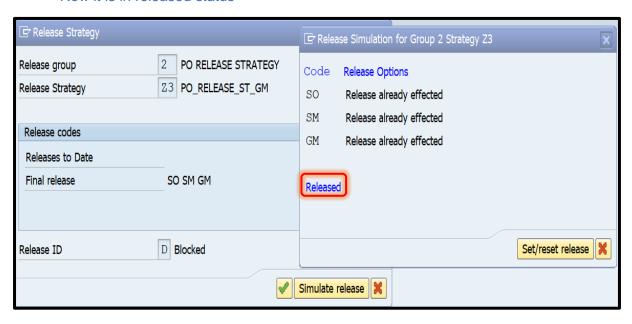
✓ Select SM and click on set/ reset release and still it will be in blocked status



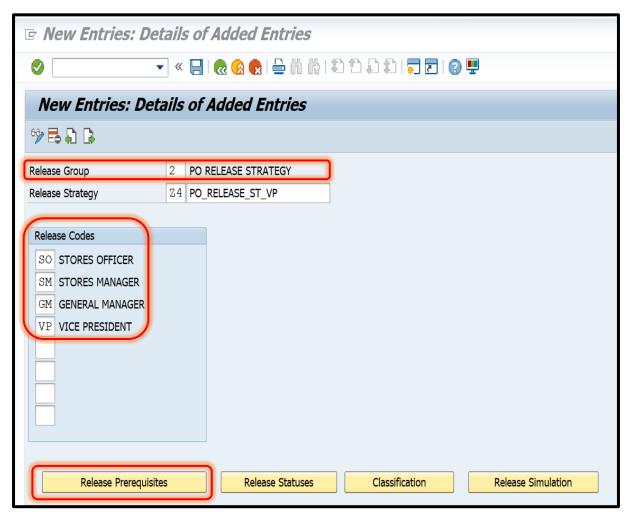
✓ Select GM and click on set/ reset release and when release is affected, PR will be in released status as shown in next screenshot



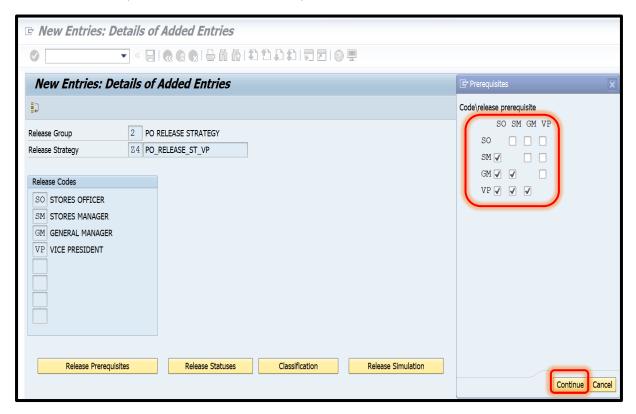
✓ Now it is in released status



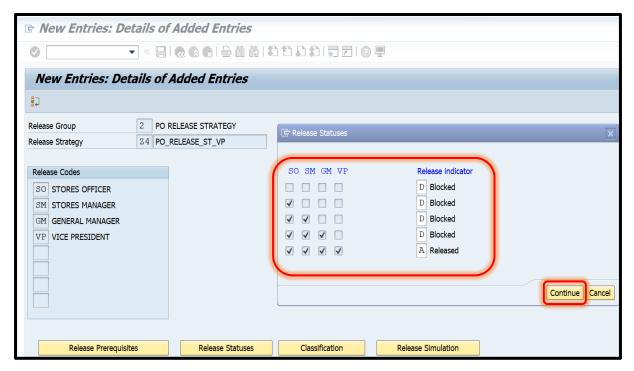
✓ Then create a release strategy Z4 for release group 2, assign release code SO for stores officer, SM for stores manager, GM for general manager, VP for vice president and then click on release pre-requisites



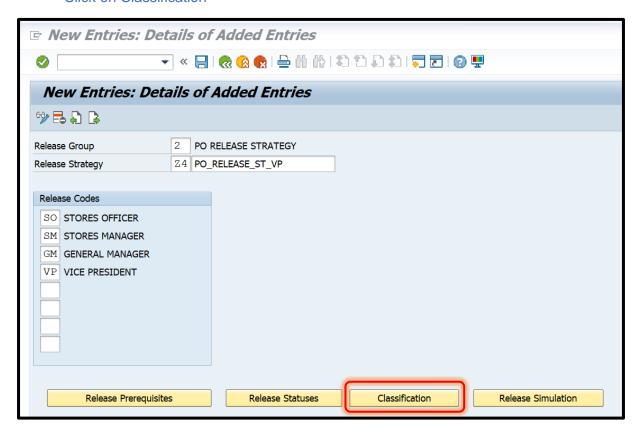
✓ Here, there is no prerequisite for release code SO, for release code SM it is required
that release code SO has to be, for release code GM it is required that both release
codes SO & SM has to be there, and for release code VP it is required that release
codes SO, SM & GM has to be there, then click on continue



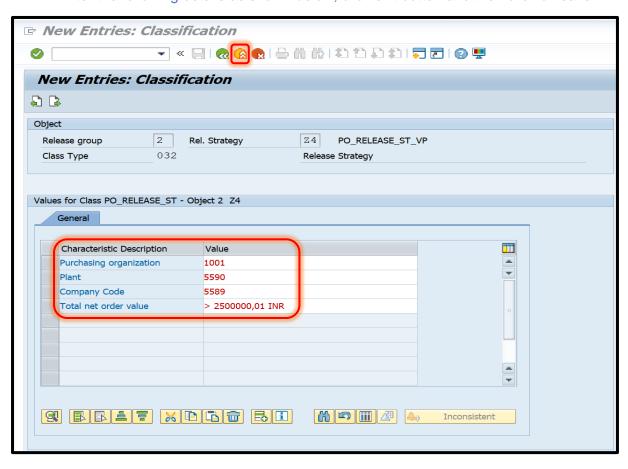
✓ Select Release Statuses, initially it will be in blocked status, when SO, SM & GM releases then also it will be in blocked status. After all release are affected, then when VP releases, it will be in released status and then click on continue



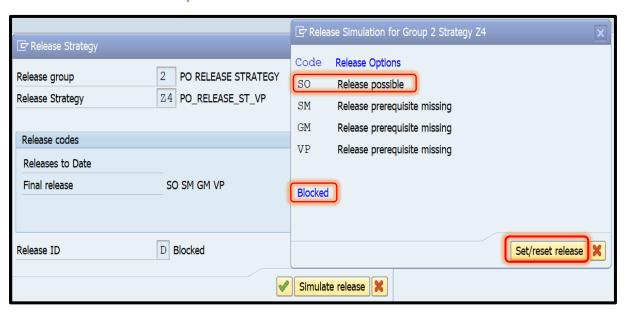
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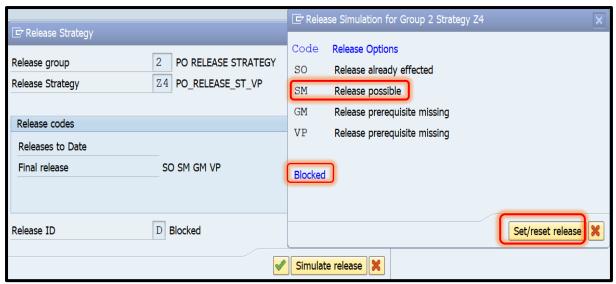


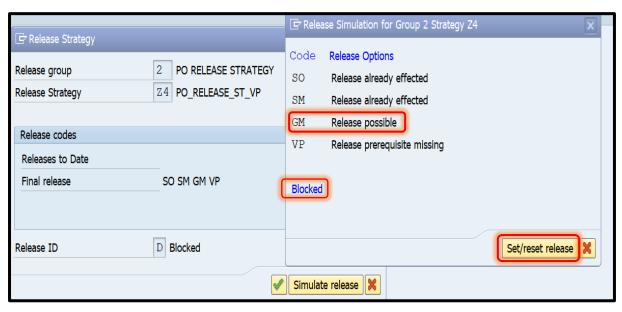
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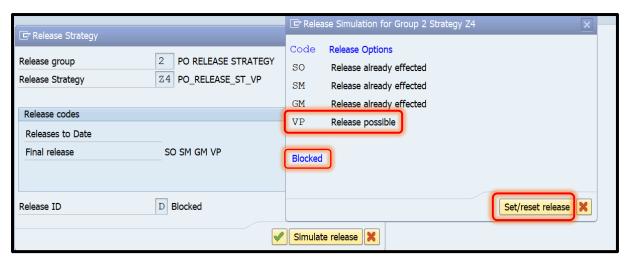


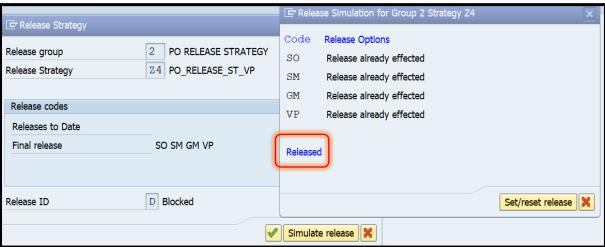
✓ Follow the same steps for release simulation which we followed earlier



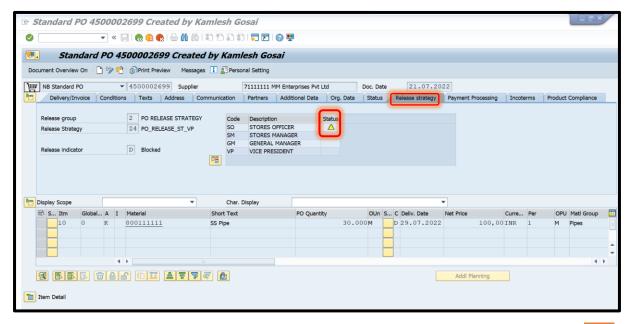




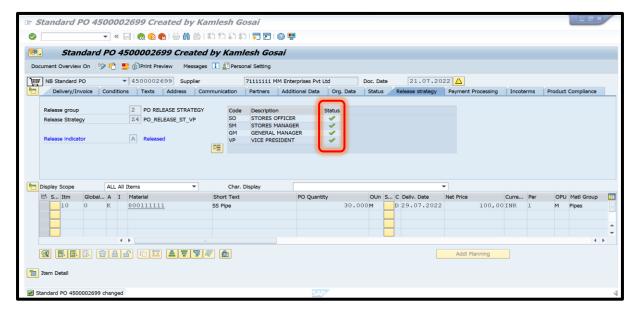




✓ In order to check the release strategy which, we created for purchase order, Let's create a PO with document type, company code, purchasing organization and plant which we had maintained in classification. Here we can see PO is created and under release strategy tab, following release codes are reflected as per the release strategy we created. Initially the PO is in unreleased status.







Summary of Release Strategy

Release Strategy	Total PO Net order value
Z 1	< 100000 INR
Z2	100000.01 – 500000.00 INR
Z 3	500000.01 - 2500000.00 INR
Z4	>2500000.01 INR

- ✓ If the total net value of PO created is <100000 INR, then the PO will be released at stores officer level only.
- ✓ If the total net value of PO created is between the interval range of 100000.01 500000.00 INR, then the PO will be released at stores manager level.
- ✓ If the total net value of PO created is between the interval range of 500000.01 2500000.00 INR, then the PO will be released at general manager level.
- ✓ Similarly, If the total net value of PO created is > 2500000.01 INR, then the PO will be released at the vice president level.

Since, the PO which we created above, has the total net value of around 3000000 INR (i.e. 30000 gty x 100 net price), hence the PO was released at the VP level.

↓ Important T-Codes related to PO Release Procedure are as follows:

T- Codes	Used to
CT04	Create Characteristic
CL02	Create Class
CI20N	Assign objects to classes
Cl6bn	Object List
ME21N	Create Purchase Order
ME22N	Change Purchase Order
ME23N	Display Purchase Order
ME29N	Individual Release Purchase Order