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सेवा में / To,

सी.एस.आई.आर. की सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं/संस्थानों के निदेशक एवं एककों के प्रमुख
The Directors of all Labs/Instts. and Heads of Units of CSIR

Sub: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries / Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

महोदया/महोदय/Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward the OM No. F.20/42/2021-PPD dated 05.06.2025 issued by Procurement Policy Division of Department of Expenditure (DoE), Government of India along with other referred OMs for information, guidance and compliance.

भवदीय/ Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

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No.F.20/42/2021-PPD
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division

709, Chandarlok Building,
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Dated 05.06.2025.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries/ Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

Attention is invited towards this Department's OM of even number dated 20.05.2024 vide which amendments in the GFRs were carried out by this Department for Scientific Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations.

2. The above said amendments are applicable only to the following Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations of Government of India:

- (i) Department of Science and Technology
- (ii) Department of Biotechnology
- (iii) Department of Scientific & Industrial Research
- (iv) Department of Atomic Energy
- (v) Department of Space
- (vi) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (vii) Defence Research & Development Organization
- (viii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), including its affiliated institutions and Universities;
- (ix) Department of Health Research (DHR), including Indian Council of Medical Research;
- (x) Educational and Research Institutes conducting post-graduate/ doctoral level courses or research, under any Ministry/ Department.

3. In pursuance of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) recommendations dated 22.04.2025 and in the continuation of the OM of even number dated 20.05.2024, following has been decided with respect to the **procurement of scientific equipment and consumables for research purposes** by Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations at para 2 above:

- i. Vice-Chancellors/ Directors of scientific organisations / academic institutions under Ministries/ Department/ Organisations indicated at para 2 above are permitted to make non-Government e-Marketplace (GeM) procurement of scientific equipment and consumables.
- ii. The monetary ceilings under Rule 154, 155, 161 & 162 of GFRs, 2017 for procurement of scientific equipment and consumables by the Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations mentioned under para 2 above shall be as follows:

Rule of GFR	Objective	Current limit	Amended limit
154	Purchase of goods without quotation	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh)	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh)
155	Purchase of goods by Purchase Committee.	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) and upto Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh)	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh) and upto Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh)
162	Limited Tender Enquiry (LTE)	Upto Rs. 50 lakh	Upto Rs. 1 crore
161	Advertised Tender Enquiry	Above Rs. 50 lakh	Above Rs. 1 crore.

iii. For procurement of scientific equipment and consumables required only for research purpose by procuring entities mentioned under para 2 above, Vice-Chancellors/ Directors concerned, as the case may be, shall be the competent authority to approve issuance of Global Tender Enquiry (GTEs) upto Rs.200 crore under Rule 161(iv) of GFRs, 2017, where they are satisfied that there is justification for such exemption.

4. It is reiterated that these amendments are applicable only for the Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations mentioned at para 2 alone and for the procurement of scientific equipment and consumables for research purpose only. A list of such procurements may be compiled and shared with concerned Administrative Ministry at the end of every Financial Year.

5. The Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations indicated under para 2 above may also adhere to the extant instructions issued in this regard vide this department's OM Nos. 13/4/2017-PPD(Pt.) dated 04.05.2018 para 1(b), 20/45/2020 dated 08.01.2021 and 20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024.

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


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To

Secretaries/ Financial Advisers of all Ministries/ Departments.

No.F.20/42/2021-PPD
 Government of India
 Ministry of Finance
 Department of Expenditure
 Public Procurement Division

502, Lok Nayak Bhavan
 Khan Market, New Delhi
 Dated 20.05.2024.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries/ Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

Attention is invited towards this Department's OM of even numbers dated 01.09.2021, 24.09.2021, 03.12.2021 & 08.01.2024 vide which amendments in the GFRs were carried out by this Department based on the inputs collated by NITI Aayog etc. from various scientific Ministries/ Departments, that were impeding smooth functioning. Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) has now sent more recommendations for relaxation in the GFRs for ease of procurement.

2. In view of all above, in supersession of all above mentioned OM, amendments in the GFRs are now being made, as indicated in para 3 of this OM. These amendments which will be applicable **only** for to the following Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations of Government of India:

- (i) Department of Science and Technology
- (ii) Department of Biotechnology
- (iii) Department of Scientific & Industrial Research
- (iv) Department of Atomic Energy
- (v) Department of Space
- (vi) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (vii) Defence Research & Development Organization
- (viii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), including its affiliated institutions and Universities ;
- (ix) Department of Health Research (DHR), including Indian Council of Medical Research;
- (x) Educational and Research Institutes conducting post-graduate/ doctoral level courses or research, under any Ministry/ Department.

It is reiterated that these amendments are applicable only for the above Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations.

3. The existing Rules and the amended Rules of the GFRs are as under:

Rule No.	Existing Rule	Amended GFR
133(3)	As an alternative to 133(2), a	As an alternative to 133(2), a

Rule No.	Existing Rule	Amended GFR
	<p>Ministry or Department may award repair works estimated to cost above Rupees thirty Lakh and original works of any value to:</p> <p>(i) any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) set up by the Central or State Government to carry out civil or electrical works or</p> <p>(ii) to any other Central/ State Government organisation/ PSU which may be notified by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for such purpose after evaluating their financial strength and technical competence. For the award of work under this sub-rule, the Ministry/ Department shall ensure competition among such PSUs/ Organisations. This competition shall be essentially on the lump sum service charges to be claimed for execution of work.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, for award of work under (i) and (ii) above on nomination basis the conditions contained in Rule 194 would apply. The work under these circumstances shall also be awarded only on the basis of lump sum service charge.</p>	<p>Ministry or Department may award repair works estimated to cost above Rupees thirty Lakh and original works of any value to :</p> <p>(i) any Public sector Undertaking (PSU) set up by the Central or State Government to carry out civil or electrical works or</p> <p>(ii) to any other Central/ State Government organisation/ PSU which may be notified by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for such purpose after evaluating their financial strength and technical competence. For the award of work under this sub-rule, the Ministry /Department shall ensure competition among such PSUs/ Organisations. This competition shall be essentially on the lump sum service charges to be claimed for execution of work.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, for award of work under (i) and (ii) above, on nomination basis, the conditions contained in Rule 194 would apply. The work under these circumstances shall also be awarded only on the basis of lump sum service charge.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Scientific Ministries/ Departments/ organizations mentioned in para 2 of this OM can assign repair Works estimated to cost upto Rs.5 crore on nomination basis even in normal cases only to the organizations specified in this sub-rule of the GFRs.</p> <p>(ii) This special provision will be applicable upto 31.03.2025. Thereafter review will be made by Department of Expenditure to decide on further extension of these powers.</p>

Rule No.	Existing Rule	Amended GFR
154	<p>Purchase of Goods without quotation</p> <p>Purchase of goods upto the value of Rs.25,000 (Rupees twenty five thousand) only on each occasion may be made without inviting quotations or bids on the basis of a certificate to be recorded by the competent authority in the following format.</p> <p>“I am personally satisfied that these goods purchased are of the requisite quality and specification and have been purchased from a reliable supplier at a reasonable price”</p>	<p>Purchase of Goods without quotation</p> <p>Purchase of goods upto the value of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) only on each occasion may be made without inviting quotations or bids on the basis of a certificate to be recorded by the competent authority in the following format.</p> <p>“I,, am personally satisfied that these goods purchased are of the requisite quality and specification and have been purchased from a reliable supplier at a reasonable price.”</p> <p><i>Note:</i> These powers can be used for procurement of any item. Further, these powers are to be used only when the required goods are not available on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) as stipulated in this Department OM No. 6/1/2018-PPD dated 19.01.2018</p>
155	<p>Purchase of goods by Purchase committee.</p> <p>Purchase of goods costing above Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) and <u>upto Rs.2,50,000/-</u> (Rupees two lakh and fifty thousand only) on each occasion may be made on the recommendations of a duly constituted Local Purchase Committee consisting of three members of an appropriate level as decided by the Head of the Department. The committee will survey the market to ascertain the reasonableness of rate, quality and specifications and identify the appropriate supplier. Before recommending placement of the purchase order, the members of the committee will jointly record a certificated as under.</p>	<p>Purchase of goods by purchase committee.</p> <p>Purchase of goods costing above Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) and upto Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh) on each occasion may be made on the recommendations of a duly constituted Local Purchase Committee consisting of three members of an appropriate level as decided by the Head of the Department. The committee will survey the market to ascertain the reasonableness of rate, quality and specifications and identify the appropriate supplier. Before recommending placement of the purchase order, the members of the committee will jointly record a certificate as under.</p>

Rule No.	Existing Rule	Amended GFR
	<p>"Certified that we, members of the purchase committee are jointly and individually satisfied that the goods recommended for purchase are of the requisite specification and quality, priced at the prevailing market rate and the supplier recommended is reliable and competent to supply the goods in question, and it is not debarred by Department of Commerce or Ministry/ Department concerned."</p>	<p>"Certified that we, members of the purchase committee are jointly and individually satisfied that the goods recommended for purchase are of the requisite specification and quality, priced at the prevailing market rate and the supplier recommended is reliable and competent to supply the goods in question, and it is not debarred by Department of Commerce or Ministry/ Department concerned."</p> <p><i>Note:</i> These powers are to be used only when the required goods are not available on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) as stipulated in this Department OM No. 6/1/2018-PPD dated 19.01.2018</p>

4. It is also clarified that GFRs are not applicable to the projects executed by State level Institutions or by the Private Universities/Institutions/ Organisations, even if they are funded by Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations listed in para 2 as above. In such cases, it is for the Ministry/ Department/ organization to put in appropriate financial controls to achieve the intended purpose.

5. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.



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To

Secretaries/ Financial Advisers of all Central Government Ministries/ Departments.

No.F.20/45/2020-PPD
 Government of India
 Ministry of Finance
 Department of Expenditure
 Procurement Policy Division

Room No.512, Lok Nayak Bhawan,
 New Delhi dated the 8th January, 2021.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Global Tender Enquiry under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

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 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by the DoE from time to time.

2. In partial modification to the above, it has now been decided that for procurement of specialized equipment required for research purposes, and spares and consumables for such equipments upto Rs. 200 crores for the use of Educational and Research Institutes, Secretary of Ministry/ Department concerned shall be the competent authority to approve issue of GTEs. The equipment should be of specialized nature required for research purpose and not the routine equipment used in offices.
3. Ministries/Departments are free to evolve procedure for evaluation of such cases for issuance of GTEs. Broad guidelines adapted from the D.O. letter dated 14.12.2020 from Principal Scientific Advisor(PSA) are attached herewith, which may be used as broad guidance for devising the procedure for evaluation of such GTE cases.
4. This issues with the approval of Secretary(Expenditure).

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Annexure**Efforts to locate domestic suppliers**

Educational, Research institutions and other units will make full efforts towards reducing of imports in following manner. This will result in substantial effects both within the institutions and also through impact on the eco-system:

- (i) Identification of equipment being procured time and again from abroad, and help developing them in India by identifying potential manufacturers and providing them technical help and expertise for developing the equipment. This programme will be coordinated by the Empowered Technology Group (constituted by Cabinet and chaired by the PSA)
- (ii) Efforts to promote technology transfer through agreements or to encourage technological collaboration with foreign manufacturing in India at the Start-ups set up in Research Parks.
- (iii) Sharing and updating of information about the availability of research equipment across various Indian Institutes on a single portal (thein I-STEM portal has been developed for this purpose) so that those can be utilized by the needy institutes.
- (iv) Without compromising quality, Institutes should indicate alternative/ equivalent technical specifications that could suit their requirement, so that there are more chances of local manufacturers participate in the tendering process.
- (v) Regular Interaction between academia and Indian industry organizations at the level of the institution about the requirement of equipment of foreign origin and for encouraging the domestic manufacturing.
- (vi) Regular requirement of proprietary/ non-proprietary research consumables may be assessed and domestic alternatives are explored for use.
- (vii) A national level programme for indigenous development of scientific equipment be initiated by the Office of PSA.
- (viii) Without compromising quality, Institutes should be flexible with specifications so that domestic manufacturers are encouraged to meet requirements.

2. Guidelines for resorting to GTE :

- (i) Market assessment should be done by the concerned institution, as certified by the Head of the Institution. Only after no Indian manufacturer is found, a GTE should be issued.
- (ii) In case no Indian manufacturer/ suppliers are found, procurement may be done, through GTE, subject to compliance of provisions of GFR and requirement of procurement through GeM.

- (iii) DEAN (R&D) or an appropriate authority within the institute will issue certificates as per para 3 below, before inviting GTE. As a reporting matter in the Board of Governors, such certificates should be tabled, and also shared with Office of the PSA, DPIIT and concerned Administrative Ministry.
 - (iv) The information about the procurement of equipment should be shared across various Educational and Research Institutes, through the I-STEM portal, already established for this purpose by the PSA's office. This will allow the equipment to be used by other institutions too, for research purposes.
 - (v) Analyze the equipment being procured time and again from abroad, and help developing them in India by identifying potential manufacturers and providing them technical assistance and expertise for developing the equipment. Half-Yearly reports on this action to be shared by the Institutes with the Office of the PSA, DPIIT and concerned Administrative Ministry. A national level scheme will also be initiated by the Office of PSA for indigenous development of scientific equipment.
 - (vi) Preference to local suppliers over foreign supplier as per the existing GoI guidelines, should be observed as applicable.
- 3. Certificates to be issued**
- (i) Confirmation of non-availability in India of particular equipment/ consumables of foreign origin through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and other sources;
 - (ii) Certification that locally available alternatives with equivalent specifications are not suitable for research purposes;
 - (iii) The non-availability of such equipment for research purposes with nearby research institutes or within the institute.
 - (vi) Certification of the requirement of proprietary items of foreign origin for research purposes (where applicable).

No.F.13/4/2017-PPD(Pt.)
 Government of India
 Ministry of Finance
 Department of Expenditure
 Procurement Policy Division

 516, Lok Nayak Bhawan,
 New Delhi Dated the 4th May, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Committee of Secretaries (CoS) recommendations on Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

The undersigned is directed to forward recommendations of CoS made during the review meeting on GeM held on 18.04.2018 for information and taking appropriate action:

- (a) Financial Advisers (FAs) of all buyer Departments/ Ministries may be asked to take active interest in routing purchases through GeM platform as well as making timely payments.
- (b) Standing Committee of GeM (SCoGeM) may ensure that all purchases are done through GeM platforms and timely payments are made. Any purchase outside the GeM platform may be made only with the recommendations of SCoGeM and approval of the Secretary concerned.
- (c) All Central Government agencies may use PFMS to pay for GeM purchases. Further, off-line payments, which may normally be avoided, may be updated on the GeM platform under the guidance of FAs.
- (d) GeM may devise an appropriate mechanism to aggregate the demand of different Government agencies. Further, Government agencies is requested to upload their annual procurement plans on GeM portal, under the guidance of respective FAs.
- (e) CPSEs and other sub-ordinate agencies may be encouraged to undertake procurement through GeM. GeM may consider linking ERP procurement modules of the CPSEs with GeM payment gateway.

2. It is requested to organise periodic meetings of SCoGeM and mark a copy of the SCoGeM minutes to Secretary (Expenditure) and CEO, GeM without fail.

3. A copy of the minutes of meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary is enclosed

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