

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 05<sup>th</sup> April, 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 does not apply to procurement by Indian Missions and by offices of government agencies/ undertakings located outside India. Further, OM dated 15.05.2020 is also not applicable where the place, at which goods, services or works are to be supplied, is outside India.
3. This issues with the approval of Secretary(Expenditure).

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To,

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