

No.F.7/10/2021-PPD  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division  
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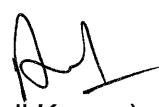
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Restrictions on procurement from bidders from a country or countries or class or countries on grounds of defence of India**

Reference is invited towards Government of India's OM No. F.6/18/2019-PPD dated 23.07.2020 and Public Procurement Orders 1, 2 and 3 (issued thereunder) regarding insertion of Rule 144 (xi) of GFRs, 2017 to provide for restrictions on procurement from bidders from a country or countries or class or countries on grounds of defence of India or matters directly or indirectly related thereto, including national security. These directions were also issued on 23.07.2020 under Article 257(1) of the Constitution of India with a request to State Governments to implement these Orders.

2. Further, in supersession of above said orders, Government of India has amended Rule 144 (xi) of General Financial Rules (vide OM No. F.7/10/2021-PPD dated 23.02.2023) and issued Public Procurement Order No. 4 (vide OM No. F.7/10/2021-PPD (1) dated 23.02.2023), (copies enclosed). The amended Orders were also circulated to all State Governments on 06.03.2023 for implementation.
3. It is again requested that the said directions should be complied with by all State Governments.

**Encls: as above.**

  
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To

Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments