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Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Public Procurement Division

North Block, New Delhi
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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) Global Tender Enquiry (GTE): 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.

	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.
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2. Instructions regarding Competent Authority mentioned in Rule 161 (iv) (b) will be issued separately.


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2. Mr Sailesh, Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Room no 301, Block 14, CGO complex, New Delhi. Tel: 24366171, email: secy-dpe@nic.in with a request to consider issuing similar instructions with respect to Central Public Sector Undertakings.