

Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division


**Subject: Relaxation on Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017.**

**Reference :** (i) Ministry of Defence file No.231(14)/2016/Bid-II(Part)  
(ii) Ministry of Defence file No.DMA/JS(n)/2020/REVENUE

With reference to above, 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 the DoE 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. Further, as per DoE OM No.F.12/17/2019-PPD dated 28.05.2020, Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat shall be competent authority.

2. In partial modification to the above, it has now been decided that only for the cases pertaining to Ministry of Defence, Defence Secretary will be the competent authority to approve issue of GTE upto Rs.200 Crore based on adequate justification

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

  
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