

No.F.4/1/2021-PPD
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division

Room No.264C, North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 08th October, 2021.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Prior approval for Global Tender Enquiry under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs).

Rule 161 (iv) of the General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 mandate that no Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) shall be invited for tenders upto Rs. 200 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by Department of Expenditure (DoE) from time to time. Currently the limit is Rs. 200 crore. The rule further provides that for tender below such limit, in exceptional cases, Ministry/Department may seek prior approval for relaxation from the competent authority, specified by the DoE.

2. Department of Expenditure (DoE), vide OM No. F.20/43/2020-PPD dated 21.12.2020 (copy enclosed) had specified Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) as the competent authority approving issuance of GTEs for certain items (listed in Annexure of DoE OM dated 21.12.2020) for safe operations of plant and machinery and planned capacity building in Oil and Gas Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

3. Now, a reference has been received in this Department from BHEL on applicability of the said instructions for procurement by entities other than under administrative control of MoPNG for such items. BHEL has stated that it also has presence in oil and gas sector and they are getting orders from PSUs like ONGC, Indian Oil etc. for supplying many items, which are listed in DoE OM dated 21.12.2020. BHEL has asked if they can take approval from Secretary, MoPNG for issuance of GTEs for such items.

4. In this regard, it is hereby clarified that in case items listed in Annexure of the DoE OM dated 21.12.2020 are to be procured by any Ministry/Department/Organization through GTEs, issuance of GTEs in such cases can be approved by the Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments/Organization concerned.

5. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

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To,

All the Secretaries and Financial Advisors to Government of India.

Copy to: Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises with a request to issue the same information/instruction to Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).