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Circular No. 19 of 2021

To

All PIFs/IFAs
(Through CGDA website/SIFA System)

- Sub: (i) Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 request for clarification.
(ii) Relaxation on Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) under Rule 161 (iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 - reg.

A copy of Ministry of Finance, OM No. F.20//34/2021-PPD dated 09 June 2021 and OM No. F.4/1/2021-PPD dated 11 June 2021 are forwarded herewith for information, guidance and further necessary action please.

This issues with the approval of Jt. CGDA(Finance)

Encl: As above.


(Nihar Ranjan)
AO (IFA)

No.F.20/34/2021-PPD
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division

264-C, North Block,
New Delhi dated the 9th June, 2021.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Restrictions under Rule 144(xi) of General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 - request for clarification.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23.07.2020 regarding Rule 144(xi) of GFRs 2017 on the subject of procurement from bidders from the countries sharing land border with India. In this reference, the undersigned is further directed to refer Para (A) at page no.9/12 of Annex-II of Order dated 23.07.2020 which provides the Special Cases - "Till 31st December 2020, procurement of medical supplies directly related to containment of the Covid-19 pandemic shall be exempt from the provision of this order".

2. It has been decided to extend the above Para (A) of Special Cases till 31.10.2021.

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To

1. All Secretaries, Government of India.
2. Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises with a request to reiterate these orders in respect of Public Enterprises.
3. All Chief Secretaries, State Governments.

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

264-C, North Block, New Delhi
 Dated the 11th June, 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. The prevailing health emergency on account of the COVID-19 cases across the country requires immediate procurement of certain items to overcome the situation. Apart from medical equipment, Government Agencies who are involved in strengthen the health infrastructure/ making efforts to fight with COVID-19 may also require manufacturing COVID-19 related items/ equipments.

3. In view of above, a general relaxation is being granted under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 to all Ministries/Departments till 31.10.2021 for procurement of Covid-19 related items/ equipments/ services etc through GTEs with the approval of Secretary of concerned Ministry/ Department.

4. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

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To,

All the Secretaries and Financial Advisers to Government of India

Copy to: Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat