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Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

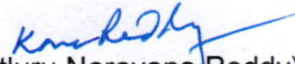
Subject: Global Tender Enquiry under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

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 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by the DoE from time to time.

2. In partial modification to the above, it has now been decided that for procurement of specialized equipment required for research purposes, and spares and consumables for such equipments upto Rs. 200 crores for the use of Educational and Research Institutes, Secretary of Ministry/ Department concerned shall be the competent authority to approve issue of GTEs. The equipment should be of specialized nature required for research purpose and not the routine equipment used in offices.

3. Ministries/Departments are free to evolve procedure for evaluation of such cases for issuance of GTEs. Broad guidelines adapted from the D.O. letter dated 14.12.2020 from Principal Scientific Advisor(PSA) are attached herewith, which may be used as broad guidance for devising the procedure for evaluation of such GTE cases.

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


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Efforts to locate domestic suppliers

Educational, Research institutions and other units will make full efforts towards reducing of imports in following manner. This will result in substantial effects both within the institutions and also through impact on the eco-system:

- (i) Identification of equipment being procured time and again from abroad, and help developing them in India by identifying potential manufacturers and providing them technical help and expertise for developing the equipment. This programme will be coordinated by the Empowered Technology Group (constituted by Cabinet and chaired by the PSA)
- (ii) Efforts to promote technology transfer through agreements or to encourage technological collaboration with foreign manufacturing in India at the Start-ups set up in Research Parks.
- (iii) Sharing and updating of information about the availability of research equipment across various Indian Institutes on a single portal (their I-STEM portal has been developed for this purpose) so that those can be utilized by the needy institutes.
- (iv) Without compromising quality, Institutes should indicate alternative/ equivalent technical specifications that could suit their requirement, so that there are more chances of local manufacturers participate in the tendering process.
- (v) Regular Interaction between academia and Indian industry organizations at the level of the institution about the requirement of equipment of foreign origin and for encouraging the domestic manufacturing.
- (vi) Regular requirement of proprietary/ non-proprietary research consumables may be assessed and domestic alternatives are explored for use.
- (vii) A national level programme for indigenous development of scientific equipment be initiated by the Office of PSA.
- (viii) Without compromising quality, Institutes should be flexible with specifications so that domestic manufacturers are encouraged to meet requirements.

2. Guidelines for resorting to GTE :

- (i) Market assessment should be done by the concerned institution, as certified by the Head of the Institution. Only after no Indian manufacturer is found, a GTE should be issued.
- (ii) In case no Indian manufacturer/ suppliers are found, procurement may be done, through GTE, subject to compliance of provisions of GFR and requirement of procurement through GeM.