

No.F.20/42/2021-PPD
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division

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Janpath, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries/ Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

Attention is invited towards this Department's OMs of even number dated 20.05.2024 vide which amendments in the GFRs were carried out by this Department for Scientific Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations.

2. The above said amendments are applicable only to the following Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations of Government of India:

- (i) Department of Science and Technology
- (ii) Department of Biotechnology
- (iii) Department of Scientific & Industrial Research
- (iv) Department of Atomic Energy
- (v) Department of Space
- (vi) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (vii) Defence Research & Development Organization
- (viii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), including its affiliated institutions and Universities;
- (ix) Department of Health Research (DHR), including Indian Council of Medical Research;
- (x) Educational and Research Institutes conducting post-graduate/ doctoral level courses or research, under any Ministry/ Department.

3. In pursuance of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) recommendations dated 22.04.2025 and in the continuation of the OM of even number dated 20.05.2024, following has been decided with respect to the **procurement of scientific equipment and consumables for research purposes** by Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations at para 2 above:

- i. Vice-Chancellors/ Directors of scientific organisations / academic institutions under Ministries/ Department/ Organisations indicated at para 2 above are permitted to make non-Government e-Marketplace (GeM) procurement of scientific equipment and consumables.
- ii. The monetary ceilings under Rule 154, 155, 161 & 162 of GFRs, 2017 for procurement of scientific equipment and consumables by the Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations mentioned under para 2 above shall be as follows:

Rule of GFR	Objective	Current limit	Amended limit
154	Purchase of goods without quotation	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh)	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh)
155	Purchase of goods by Purchase Committee.	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) and upto Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh)	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh) and upto Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh)
162	Limited Tender Enquiry (LTE)	Upto Rs. 50 lakh	Upto Rs. 1 crore
161	Advertised Tender Enquiry	Above Rs. 50 lakh	Above Rs. 1 crore.

- iii. For procurement of scientific equipment and consumables required only for research purpose by procuring entities mentioned under para 2 above, Vice-Chancellors/ Directors concerned, as the case may be, shall be the competent authority to approve issuance of Global Tender Enquiry (GTEs) upto Rs.200 crore under Rule 161(iv) of GFRs, 2017, where they are satisfied that there is justification for such exemption.

4. It is reiterated that these amendments are applicable only for the Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations mentioned at para 2 alone and for the procurement of scientific equipment and consumables for research purpose only. A list of such procurements may be compiled and shared with concerned Administrative Ministry at the end of every Financial Year.

5. The Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations indicated under para 2 above may also adhere to the extant instructions issued in this regard vide this department's OM Nos. 13/4/2017-PPD(Pt.) dated 04.05.2018 para 1(b), 20/45/2020 dated 08.01.2021 and 20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024.

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



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Secretaries/ Financial Advisers of all Ministries/ Departments.