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सेवा में / To,

सी.एस.आई.आर. की सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं के निदेशक/ एककों के प्रमुख  
The Directors of all CSIR Laboratories/ Heads of Units

**विषय/Sub: GFR, GeM and GTE Issues – Concessions, Relaxations, Clarifications and Modifications agreed to by DOE / MOF.**

महोदया/ महोदय/ Madam / Sir,

As a part of the initiative to ease the procurement process, DG CSIR/ Secretary DSIR had taken up some long-standing issues with the Secretary (Expenditure) & Finance Secretary (FS) seeking concessions/ relaxations/ clarifications and modifications to various provisions of GFR and Guidelines pertaining to GeM, and GTE. Following the request, CSIR had been invited to give a presentation before Secretary (Expenditure) & Finance Secretary (FS) and other stakeholders viz, DST, DBT, DHR, PSA and NITI Aayog etc.

2. Consequent upon the presentation and detailed deliberations on the issues, DOE/MOF has agreed to some of CSIR's suggestions which are as under:

**i. Enhancement of limits for Direct Purchase on GeM:**

Direct Purchase limit has been enhanced to Rs 1 Lakh on GeM. DOE OM dated 18/07/2024 enclosed.

**ii. Enhancement of limits for the three OEM comparison Purchase Mode:**

The upper limit under this mode has been enhanced to Rs 10 Lakhs. DOE OM dated 18/07/2024 enclosed.

**iii. Situations where a buyer can make procurement outside GeM:**

a) It was confirmed in the meeting that the GeMARPTS covers the situations where (i) Product category is not available on GeM, (ii) Product category is available,

but does not meet the requirement and (iii) Required delivery time is shorter than default delivery time. In such situations, CSIR can make procurement outside GeM, after generation of GeMARPTS.

b) Further, in the cases where the procuring entity finds that the prices are not reasonable on GeM implying that some vendors, who are not registered on GeM are offering items at the rates lower than, what are available on GeM and there is an urgency in that particular case, one order can be placed by the procuring entity outside GeM. However, future orders should be placed only through GeM asking these sellers to get themselves and their products registered on GeM which takes place in a day. In case of OEMs, it may take upto 15 days.

#### **iv. Applicability of Special Provision for Scientific Ministries/Departments to CSIR:**

It has been clarified by the DoE that OM F20/42/2024-PPD dated 20/05/2024 is also applicable to the Autonomous Bodies falling under Ministers/Departments listed in the OM.

#### **v. LPC: Number of quotations to be collected and kept in file:**

DoE has clarified that the referred Rule (GFR 155) does not say that three quotations are to be obtained. The duly constituted LPC is required to give the undertaking that they have done market survey as stipulated in the Rule and to collect at least one quotation, from whom procurement is being made.

#### **vi. E-publishing/ E-procurement (GFR 159 & 160):**

Exemption from mandatory e-Publishing, has been granted only for "Emergency Cases". In Such emergency cases, where award is placed on STE basis, only details of such awards need to be published on the e-procurement portal and the Department's website. There will be no requirement of e-publication of tenders in such cases.

#### **vii. Single Tender Enquiry (STE): GFR 166(i)**

With regard to Rule 166 (i) of GFR 2017 (Single Tender Enquiry), the DoE has confirmed that "Required Goods" mentioned under this Rule covers the required specification, end-use, required performance standard/outcome and/or the need for consistency & reproducibility.

#### **viii. Advance Payments: GFR 172 (1):**

a) With regard to security, apart from Bank Guarantee, DoE has informed that

while Insurance Surety Bonds and LCs can be permitted as security, Corporate/Personal Guarantee or indemnity Bonds etc. cannot be accepted.

b) Further DoE has clarified that no BG should be insisted in case of advance payment given to Central Ministry/Department, their attached/subordinate Offices or the Autonomous Bodies (ABs) attached with them. Similarly, in case a contract has been awarded to CPSEs on nomination basis, then BG for advance payment should not be insisted.

**ix. Direct/LPC Purchase Mode in a Service Procurement (GFR 177-206)**

CSIR had suggested that in the section for procurement of Services (GFR 177-206), features of Direct Purchase and LPC mode Purchase should be made available. DoE has clarified that it is already covered as per Rule 206 of GFR 2017.

**x. GTE Approvals Delegation of Powers to grant GTE up to Rs. 25 Lakhs (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh Only):**

DoE agreed that for GTEs upto Rs. 25 lakhs only in cases of scientific Ministries/Departments etc. covered in DoE OM dated 20.05.2024, the powers for approval of GTEs can be delegated by the Secretary concerned to the officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary. Accordingly, Secretary DSIR/DG CSIR has delegated the power to grant GTE approvals to the Directors of Laboratories/JS (A) (in the case of CSIR Hqrs.) and Heads of Units (who are not below the Rank of Scientist G) in CSIR for estimated values upto Rs. 25 (Twenty-Five) Lakhs only.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary DSIR/DG, CSIR on the concurrence of FA, DSIR/CSIR

**भवदीय/ Yours faithfully,**

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

**Reference: OM No. 20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024 (copy enclosed) on the subject cited above.**

In continuation of above reference, in pursuant to decision taken during meeting dated 04.07.2024 on the proposal of DSIR regarding changes in General Financial Rules, 2017 (GFRs) and Government e-Marketplace (GeM) functionalities, it has been decided to make following amendments applicable only for certain specific Ministries/ Departments as given in Para 2:

Existing provision	Amended provision
<p><b>Rule 149:</b> <b>Government e-Marketplace (GeM)</b></p> <p>Government of India has established the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for common use Goods and Services. GeM SPV will ensure adequate publicity including periodic advertisement of the items to be procured through GeM for the prospective suppliers. The Procurement of Goods and Services by Ministries or Departments will be mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM. The credentials of suppliers on GeM shall be certified by GeM SPV. The procuring authorities will certify the reasonability of rates. The GeM portal shall be utilized by the Government buyers for direct on-line purchases as under:</p> <p>(i) Up to <b>Rs.50,000/-</b> through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality,</p>	<p><b>Rule 149:</b> <b>Government e-Marketplace (GeM)</b></p> <p>Government of India has established the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for common use Goods and Services. GeM SPV will ensure adequate publicity including periodic advertisement of the items to be procured through GeM for the prospective suppliers. The Procurement of Goods and Services by Ministries or Departments will be mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM. The credentials of suppliers on GeM shall be certified by GeM SPV. The procuring authorities will certify the reasonability of rates. The GeM portal shall be utilized by the Government buyers for direct on-line purchases as under:</p> <p>(i) Up to <b>Rs.1,00,000/-</b> through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality,</p>

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specification and delivery period.  <i>Note: In case of automobiles, procurement under this sub-rule is permitted without any ceiling limit.</i>	specification and delivery period.  <i>Note: In case of automobiles, procurement under this sub-rule is permitted without any ceiling limit.</i>
(ii) Above <b>Rs.50,000/- and up to Rs.10,00,000/-</b> through the GeM Seller having lowest price amongst the available sellers, of at least three different manufacturers, on GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. The tools for online bidding and online reverse auction available on GeM can be used by the Buyer even for procurements less than <b>Rs. 10,00,000/-</b> .	(ii) Above <b>Rs. 1,00,000/- and up to Rs.10,00,000/-</b> through the GeM Seller having lowest price amongst the available sellers, of at least three different manufacturers, on GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. The tools for online bidding and online reverse auction available on GeM can be used by the Buyer even for procurements less than <b>Rs. 10,00,000/-</b> .
(iii) Above Rs. 10,00,000/- through the supplier having lowest price meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids, using online bidding or reverse auction tool provided on GeM.	(iii) Above Rs. 10,00,000/- through the supplier having lowest price meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids, using online bidding or reverse auction tool provided on GeM.

2. It is clarified herewith that these amendments and the amendments made vide OM No. 20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024 are applicable only to the Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations mentioned in para 2 of OM No. 20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024 alongwith the Autonomous Bodies under administrative control of such Scientific Ministries/ Departments and relevant educational/ research institutes mentioned therein.

3. 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: CEO/GeM with a request to make necessary customization in GeM accordingly.