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No.32/4/2021-SCS/E-File/1115

Dated: 18.01.2024

**पृष्ठांकन / ENDORSEMENT**

**विषय /: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries / Departments**  
**Subject: in General, Financial Rules - 2017 - regarding**

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इस विभाग के दिनांक 13.10.2021 के पृष्ठांकन सम संख्या 32/4/2021-SCS/E-File/12285 के क्रम में उपरोक्त विषय पर वित्त मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा प्राप्त दिनांक 08.01.2024 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन संख्या F 20/42/2021-PPD की एक प्रति सूचना एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु अग्रेषित है।

In continuation of this Department Endorsement No. 32/4/2021-SCS/E-File/12285 dated 13.10.2021, a copy of Office Memorandum No.F.20/42/2021-PPD dated 08.01.2024 received from Ministry of Finance, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject is forwarded for information and necessary action.

2. इसे सक्षम प्राधिकारी के अनुमोदन से जारी किया जाता है।

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

संलग्न / Encl.: 5 Pages.

वर्षा .के. देसाई / Varsha .K. Desai  
(अनुभाग अधिकारी / Section Officer)

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**All Administrative Heads of Constituent Units/PSUs/Aided Institutions of DAE.**

**प्रतिलिपि / Copy also to:**

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

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264-C, North Block, New Delhi  
08.01.2024.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

Attention is invited to this Department OM No 20/42/2021-PPD dated 01.09.2021 wherein certain special provisions were made in General Financial Rules (GFRs) for Scientific Ministries/ Departments (copy enclosed). The list of Scientific Ministries/ Departments for this purpose is as under:

- (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) Department of Agriculture Research

Later on these instructions were also extended to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) included its affiliated Institutes & Universities and to Department of Health Research (DHR).

2. Based on the request received from Department of Science and Technology (DST) vide D.O. No. A-20020/4/2021-IFD dated 14.12.2023 (copy enclosed), it has been decided to extend these instructions also to the projects funded by above Ministries/ Departments/ organizations and executed by the institutions under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

3. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

*by*  
*08/01/2024*

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To

Secretaries and Financial Advisors of Ministries/ Departments listed in para 1 above and to Department of Higher Education.



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प्रो. अभय करंदीकर  
Prof. Abhay Karandikar



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D.O. No.A-20020/4/2021-IFD

14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

Dear Shri Somanathan,

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*Adm(PPD)*

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18.12.23

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I am to invite reference to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No.F.20/42/2021-PPD dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 under which special provisions for Scientific Ministries/Departments in the General Financial Rules, 2017 have been prescribed.

2. At the outset, I would like to state that the special provisions have indeed been of great help to the Scientific Ministries and have gone a long way in easing the procurement processes for projects being executed by the Ministries/Departments and their laboratories.

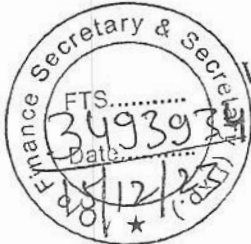
3. As you may be aware, a good part of the scheme budget of the Science Ministries/Departments, particularly the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Biotechnology, is devoted to extramural funding of research projects. A large number of such projects are given to higher education institutions under the Ministry of Education for cutting edge research and development. Since the provisions made in the ibid OM of the Department of Expenditure are applicable only to Science Ministries/Departments, the higher education institutions under the Ministry of Education are not covered, even where the funding is by the Science Ministries/Departments.

4. We have received requests from several such institutions requesting that the provisions contained in the ibid OM may be extended to them also for projects funded by the seven Science Ministries/Departments i.e. DST, DBT, DSIR, DAE, DOS, MoES and DRDO.

5. May I request you to consider the above request favourably and extend the ibid special provisions to the projects funded by Scientific Ministries/Departments to institutions under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. It will be a major step towards ease of doing science and is going to be of immense benefit to the scientific community, leading to larger public good.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



Shri T. V. Somanathan  
Finance Secretary and Secretary Expenditure  
Ministry of Finance  
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New Delhi.

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Room No.264C, North Block, New Delhi.

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

NITI Aayog has collated inputs from various scientific Ministries/ Departments regarding the provisions in General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 that impede the smooth functioning of these Ministries/ Departments. NITI has further recommended/ suggested certain changes in GFRs based on these inputs.

2. In this context, following amendments in GFRs are being made:-

Rule No.	Existing	Amended GFR
133(3)	<p>As an alternative to 133(2), a Ministry or Department may award repair works estimated to cost above Rupees thirty Lakh and original works of any value to:</p> <p>(i) any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) set up by the Central or State Government to carry out civil or electrical works or</p> <p>(ii) to any other Central/ State Government organisation/ PSU which may be notified by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for such purpose after evaluating their financial strength and technical competence. For the award of work under this sub-rule, the Ministry/ Department shall ensure competition among such PSUs / Organisations. This competition shall be essentially on the lump sum service charges to be claimed for execution of work.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, for award of work under (i) and (ii) above, on nomination basis, the conditions contained in Rule 194 would apply. The work under these circumstances shall also be</p>	<p>As an alternative to 133(2), a Ministry or Department may award repair works estimated to cost above Rupees thirty Lakh and original works of any value to:</p> <p>(i) any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) set up by the Central or State Government to carry out civil or electrical works or</p> <p>(ii) to any other Central/ State Government organisation/ PSU which may be notified by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for such purpose after evaluating their financial strength and technical competence. For the award of work under this sub-rule, the Ministry/ Department shall ensure competition among such PSUs / Organisations. This competition shall be essentially on the lump sum service charges to be claimed for execution of work.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, for award of work under (i) and (ii) above, on nomination basis, the conditions contained in Rule 194 would apply. The work under these circumstances shall also be</p>

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Rule No.	Existing	Amended GFR
	awarded only on the basis of lump sum service charge.	awarded only on the basis of lump sum service charge.  Note: Scientific Ministries/ Departments can assign repair Works estimated to cost <u>upto Rs 5 crore on nomination basis even in normal cases</u> . These instructions will be applicable upto three years from the date of issue of this OM. Thereafter, review will be made by Department of Expenditure to decide on further extension of these powers.
154	<p><b>Purchase of Goods without quotation</b> Purchase of goods upto the value of Rs. <u>25,000</u> (Rupees twenty five thousand) only on each occasion may be made without inviting quotations or bids on the basis of a certificate to be recorded by the competent authority in the following format. "I,, am personally satisfied that these goods purchased are of the requisite quality and specification and have been purchased from a reliable supplier at a reasonable price."</p>	<p><b>Purchase of Goods without quotation</b> Purchase of goods upto the value of Rs. <u>50,000</u> (Rupees fifty thousand) <u>only for common used goods and Rs one lakh for scientific equipments and computers</u> on each occasion may be made without inviting quotations or bids on the basis of a certificate to be recorded by the competent authority in the following format. "I,, am personally satisfied that these goods purchased are of the requisite quality and specification and have been purchased from a reliable supplier at a reasonable price."  Note: These powers are to be used only when the required goods are not available on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) as stipulated in this Department OM no 6/1/2018-PPD dated 19.01.2018</p>
155	<p><b>Purchase of goods by Purchase Committee.</b> Purchase of goods costing above Rs. 25,000 (Rupees twenty five thousand only) and <u>upto Rs.2,50,000/-</u> (Rupees two lakh and fifty thousand only) on each occasion may be made on the recommendations of a duly constituted Local Purchase</p>	<p><b>Purchase of goods by Purchase Committee.</b> Purchase of goods costing above Rs. 50,000 or one lakh and <u>upto 10 lakh</u> on each occasion may be made on the recommendations of a duly constituted Local Purchase Committee consisting of three members of an appropriate level as</p>



Rule No.	Existing	Amended GFR
	<p>Committee consisting of three members of an appropriate level as decided by the Head of the Department. The committee will survey the market to ascertain the reasonableness of rate, quality and specifications and identify the appropriate supplier. Before recommending placement of the purchase order, the members of the committee will jointly record a certificate as under.</p> <p>"Certified that we, members of the purchase committee are jointly and individually satisfied that the goods recommended for purchase are of the requisite specification and quality, priced at the prevailing market rate and the supplier recommended is reliable and competent to supply the goods in question, and it is not debarred by Department of Commerce or Ministry/ Department concerned."</p>	<p>decided by the Head of the Department. The committee will survey the market to ascertain the reasonableness of rate, quality and specifications and identify the appropriate supplier. Before recommending placement of the purchase order, the members of the committee will jointly record a certificate as under.</p> <p>"Certified that we, members of the purchase committee are jointly and individually satisfied that the goods recommended for purchase are of the requisite specification and quality, priced at the prevailing market rate and the supplier recommended is reliable and competent to supply the goods in question, and it is not debarred by Department of Commerce or Ministry/ Department concerned."</p> <p>Note: These powers are to be used only when the required goods are not available on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) as stipulated in this Department OM no 6/1/2018-PPD dated 19.01.2018</p>

3. These amendments will only be applicable to following Ministries/ Departments:-

- (i) Department of Science and Technology
- (ii) Department of Bio-technology
- (iii) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
- (iv) Department of Atomic Energy
- (v) Department of Space
- (vi) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (vii) Defence Research and Development Organisation.

4. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

  
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To  
 Secretaries and Financial Advisors of all Ministries in Para 3 as above.