

**भारत सरकार Government of India**  
**रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways**  
**रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)**

No: 2020/RS(G)/779/2-Part(1)

Date: 28/01/2025.

The General Managers, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(C), CORE  
DG, RDSO/Lucknow, NAIR/ Vadodara  
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CAO, WPO/Patna, RWP/ Bela

**Sub.: Relaxation under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 for issuance of Global Tender Inquiry (GTE) for procurement of Drugs**

- Ref.: (i) Railway Board letter no. 2020/RS(G)/779/2-Part(1) dated 28/08/2024.  
(ii) Ministry of Finance (MoF), Department of Expenditure (DoE)'s OM No. F.4/1/2023- PPD (pt.) dated 15/01/2025.

Railway Board vide letter under ref. (i), had circulated OM No. F.4/1//2023- PPD (pt.) dated 09/08/2024 of Ministry of Finance (MoF), Department of Expenditure (DoE) exempting 127 drugs from the instructions regarding restrictions on GTEs till 31/03/2027 or further orders.

2. DoE vide OM referred at (ii) has now included one more drug i.e. "Varicella Vaccine, Live Attenuated, Monovalent, Containing at least 1000 PFU per 0.5 ml" in the list of exempted drugs as above.
3. A copy of the said OM is enclosed herewith for information and compliance.

  
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No.F.4/1/2023-PPD(pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
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15.01.2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Relaxation under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 for issuance of Global Tender Inquiry (GTE) for procurement of Drugs.

**Reference:** Department of Expenditure OM No. 4/1/2023-PPD(pt.) dated 09.08.2024.

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 up to Rs. 200 crores. However, in exceptional cases, where the Ministry or the Department feels that there are special reasons for issuance of 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. Exemption from the above instructions was given for procurement of 127 drugs vide this Department's OM No. 4/1/2023-PPD(pt.) dated 09.08.2024 till 31.03.2027, on the recommendations of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW).

3. On the additional recommendation of MoH&FW, it has now been decided to include one more drug i.e. "Varicella Vaccine, Live Attenuated, Monovalent, Containing at least 1000 PFU per 0.5 ml" in the list of exempted drugs as above.



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