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The DG/RDSO/Lucknow, NAIR/Vadodara and all other CTIs,
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RCF/RBL/NDLS
CMOs of PSUs, RVNL, KRCL, MRVC, MCF/Bela


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2. A copy of Office Memorandum of Ministry of Finance is attached herewith, for information and compliance.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

(Signed)
Praveen Kumar
Jt. Director Railway Stores/G
Railway Board

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1. PCMsMs, PCEs, PFAs, CMeEs, CEEEs, CSTEs, All Indian Railways & PUs, RCF/RBL/NDLS,
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2. Sr. Prof. (Material Management), NAIR, Vadodara, Executive Director (Stores), RDSO, Lucknow
3. MD, CRIS, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
4. MD, RITES, RITES Bhavan, Sector-29, Gurugram
5. Director, Iron & Steel, 3, Koilai Ghat Street, Kolkata
6. Chief Commissioner, Railway Safety, Lucknow
7. Zonal Railway Training Institute, Sukhadi Circle, Udaipur
8. The Genl. Secy., AIRF, Room No. 248, & NFIR Room No. 256-C, Rail Bhavan
9. The Secy. Genl., IRPOF, Room No. 288, FROA, Room No. 256-D & AIRPFA, Room No. 256 D
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Copy to: Sr. PPSs / PPS / PS to:
1. MR, MoS(R)
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Subject: Amendment in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 – Global Tender Enquiry

In pursuance of Prime Minister’s address to the Nation on 12.05.2020, in order to promote self reliance, Make in India and to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), it has been decided to make following amendments in the GFRs:

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Provided that for tenders below such limit, in exceptional cases, where the Ministry or Department feels that there are special reasons for GTE, it may record its detailed justification and seek prior approval for relaxation to the above rule from the Competent Authority specified by the Department of Expenditure.

2. Instructions regarding Competent Authority mentioned in Rule 161 (iv) (b) will be issued separately.

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1. Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments, Govt of India

2. Mr Sailesh, Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Room no 301, Block 14, CGO complex, New Delhi. Tel: 24366171, email: secy-dpe@nic.in with a request to consider issuing similar instructions with respect to Central Public Sector Undertakings.