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

Sub.: Approval for GTE below Rs. 200 cr. from the competent authority.

Ref.: i. Railway Board's letter No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 dated 26/05/2020.
ii. Railway Board’s letter No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 dated 03/06/2020.
iii. Railway Board’s letter No. 2020/RS(G)/779/2/Pt.1 dated 25/09/2020.
iv. Railway Board’s letter No. 2020/RS(G)/779/1 dated 28/10/2020.

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1. Vide letter dated 26-05-2020 (ref. i) Railway Board had communicated decision of the Government of India in restricting Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) upto a prescribed value. Vide letter dated 03/06/2020 (ref. ii), clarifications issued by Ministry of Finance, including the competent authority to approve such GTE, were circulated.

2. Ministry of Finance has, vide OM (ref. v above), clarified that Department of Expenditure (Public Procurement Division), Ministry of Finance, OM No. 12/17/2019-PPD dated 15/05/2020, circulated vide ref(i) above will not be applicable on procurement of spare parts of the equipment/ Plant & Machinery etc. on nomination basis from Original equipment Manufacturers/ Original Equipment Suppliers or Original Part Manufacturers as no competitive tenders are invited in such cases. The OM is attached herewith and circulated for implementation and necessary action.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

(Kanwalpreet)
Director Railway Stores (IC)
Railway Board

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All AMs, PEDs & Executive Directors of Railway Board.
Subject: Relaxation on Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017.

Attention is invited to this Department’s OM of even no. Dated 15.05.2020 and 28.05.2020 regarding amendment in Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules(GFRs) 2017 stipulating that no Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) shall be invited for tenders upto Rs.200.00 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by this Department from time to time. It further stipulates that in exceptional cases, where the Ministry or the 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 i.e. Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat.

2. In this regard, a doubt has arisen if the above instructions will also be applicable with respect to procurement of spares from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) or Original Equipment Suppliers (OES) or Original Part Manufactures (OPMs) on nomination basis, though there is no other source available and no competitive offers are invited.

3. In this regard, it is clarified that this office OM of even number dated 15.05.2020 will not be applicable on procurement of spares parts of the equipments/Plant & Machinery etc. on nomination basis from OEM/OES or OPM as no competitive tenders are invited in such cases.

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

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To,

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