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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division  
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264-C, North Block, New Delhi  
Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Relaxation on Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 for procurement of raw materials.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) OM No. P-45021/196/2020-PP (BE) (E-46734) dated 23.03.2021 enclosing Approach paper of Bharat Heavy Electricals limited (BHEL) dated 16.02.2021. BHEL has requested that raw materials like Nickel, Chromite sand, Low carbon ferro Chrome, Metallic Manganese flakes etc, which are not available in the country may be exempted from restrictions of GTEs. DPIIT has also recommended that such raw materials, which are not available in country (or not available of appropriate quality/ grade), may be allowed to be procured through GTEs. DPIIT has further stated that similar proposal has been also received by them from SAIL, Ministry of Steel as well.

2. The matter was referred to Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MoMSME), who have now stated vide their OM No. 21(3)/2020-MA(Pt.-1)(e-20336) dated 10.01.2022 that MoMSME does not have any objection to call GTEs for such items subject to condition that "No MSE in country is engaged in manufacturing of the such items".

3. In view of all above, it has been now decided that procurement of raw materials, like above, which are not available in country (or not available of requisite quality/ grade) may be done through GTEs with the approval of Secretary of Ministry/ Department concerned.

4. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

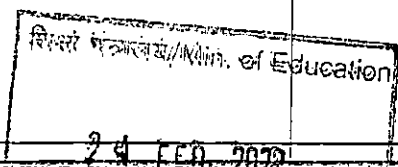
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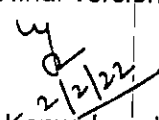
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Amendment to General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 to include Insurance Surety Bonds as Security Instrument.**

It has been decided to partially amend Rule 170(i) and Rule 171(i) of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 regarding 'Bid Security and Performance Security respectively' as under:

Rule/ Para	Existing provision	Amended Rule
170(i)	The bid security may be accepted in the form of Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee from any of the Commercial Banks or payment online in an acceptable form, safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects.	The bid security may be accepted in the form of <b>Insurance Surety Bonds</b> , Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee from any of the Commercial Banks or payment online in an acceptable form, safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects.
171(i)	Performance Security may be furnished in the form of an Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt from a Commercial bank, Bank Guarantee from a Commercial bank or online payment in an acceptable form safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects	Performance Security may be furnished in the form of <b>Insurance Surety Bonds</b> , Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt from a Commercial bank, Bank Guarantee from a Commercial bank or online payment in an acceptable form safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects

2. This OM is also available on website of Department of Expenditure; [www.doe.gov.in](http://www.doe.gov.in) -> Notification -> Circular --> Procurement Policy OM. Hindi version of this OM will follow.

  
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