

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR LINE SLEEPERS

1. General

This contract will be governed by IRS Conditions of Contract as well as the Special Conditions of Contract mentioned herein. In case of conflict between the two, i.e., IRS Conditions of Contract and Special Conditions of Contract, the provisions of Special Conditions of Contract shall prevail.

2. Rates:

The supply of sleepers in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract shall be affected at the accepted unit rate, subject to price variation in terms of Clause 10 of these conditions. Input Tax Credit as available on the date of tender opening is to be taken into account and passed on to the Purchaser while quoting the prices.

The quoted rate shall be inclusive of the cost of all labour and input materials like HTS Wire, Inserts, Cement and coarse and fine aggregates, etc. including all transportation and handling charge, taxes and duties thereon.

The quoted rate would also include the cost of transportation of finished sleepers to loading point and loading into the wagons/road vehicles at the FOR station in accordance with the approved drawing including the cost of handling involved in the process. The Cost of wooden packing as per drawings will be borne by the contractor. FOR station shall be- (i) Works siding/Nearest loading BG station of NWR for CSPs under the control of NWR and (ii) Any loading BG station of NWR for all other CSPs which are under control of other railways.

The contract will remain current and valid for a stipulated delivery period including extensions if any, with effect from the date of issue of purchase order. The Purchaser also has the right to defer deliveries (i.e. slow down supplies) and enhance delivery period on the same rates, terms and conditions. Any P.Way

fittings required for inspection will be supplied to the contractor by the railway free of cost against submission of indemnity bond of **Rs 15 Lakh** for the assembly purpose. The fittings will have to be returned back in good condition by the contractor on completion of work.

3. Tax and Duty:

CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST shall be paid at the rates quoted by the tenderer (Maximum being as leviable under CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST Act with latest amendment on sale of finished goods) and accepted by the purchaser. The purchaser will, however, not be responsible for reimbursement of any taxes/Levies paid by the contractor under misapprehension of law.

4. Raw Material, Machinery and Plant:

The responsibility for procurement of all raw materials, machinery and plants required for the manufacture of goods shall rest entirely with the supplier.

Cement shall be procured by the contractor from the nominated primary/secondary source and as per the rate, terms and conditions fixed by the purchaser with cement suppliers. The contractor should always maintain a reserve buffer stock of cement adequate for at-least 2 months sleeper production.

HTS Wires shall be procured from the firms who are approved for manufacture of HTS Wire by Bureau of Indian Standards and possess a current valid BIS License for manufacture of the particular type of wire i.e. 3 x 3 mm strand, 7/7.5 mm plain wire or 9.5 mm dia strand as the case may be.

SGCI Inserts shall be procured from the firms who are approved by RDSO for the manufacture of SGCI inserts and whose approval is current and valid. SGCI Inserts

can also be procured from ISO certified firms as per guidelines issued vide RDSO's letter No. QA/CT/INSP/CI/Policy dated 25.08.2008.

Aggregates shall be procured by the contractor from the RDSO approved sources. If crushed sand is being used as fine aggregate in design mix concrete, then it should not be by-product of any other manufacturing process and should be in conformity to the provisions provided for crushed sand in IRS-T-39 for all PSC special sleeper except PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches and IRS-T-45 for PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches as amended up to date with all corrigendum up to date.

The cement content in the concrete mix shall not be more than 450 Kg/cum. This may necessitate use of plasticizer, which shall be procured by contractor as per requirements laid in clause 3.3 of IRS-T-39 for all PSC special sleeper except PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches and IRS-T-45 for PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches as amended up to date with all corrigendum up to date. Quoted rate shall be inclusive of the cost of plasticizer/admixture.

5. Inspection:

Inspection of finished sleepers will be carried out by the Railway nominee of the concerned Zonal Railway at contractors premises. However, in case order has been placed on RDSO approved firms for line sleepers, the initial inspection of turnout, SEJ, Shallow depth sleepers shall be carried out by RDSO. The supplier has to obtain RDSO approval within 04 month of acceptance of order for manufacture and starting of bulk supply.

Necessary office accommodation for the inspecting staff at the factory will have to be made available by the contractor free of cost. Necessary transport facilities to and from the nearby railway station and rest house accommodation shall be provided free of cost to the inspecting staff by the contractor.

The contractor shall be required to install and operate all necessary testing equipment required for testing the sleepers, test cubes, brackets etc. as stipulated in the IRS Specification for prestressed concrete sleepers (Pretension type). The testing equipment for the same must be available at factory site. In addition, the contractor shall arrange at his own cost for any further tests on materials, as may

be indicated by the Engineer/Inspecting Officer, to be carried out at recognized Material Testing Centers/Institutes during the progress of manufacture of sleepers; even though, Test Certificates for such materials are available.

The passed sleepers, for which inspection certificates have duly been obtained, only shall be allowed to be taken for loading in railway wagons/road vehicles. Any damage to the sleepers in the process of loading in wagons/vehicles or carrying to the loading sites from the contractors premises shall be to contractors account.

PSC mono-block concrete sleepers which are treated for surface defects as provided under clause 4.7.3 of the “Standard Specification for pretension prestressed concrete sleepers” as amended up to date and provided as part of this contract tender document shall be accepted and payment made @ 92.5% of the standard sleepers.

The testing of PSC sleepers and their subsequent acceptance should be in accordance with the Standard Specification IRS-T-39 for all PSC special sleeper except PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches and IRS-T-45 for PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches as amended up to date with all corrigendum up to closing date of tender.

The supplier shall ensure that the necessary checks on supply of raw material i.e cement, aggregate, HTS wire, SGCI insert, as well as plants, machinery, equipments, instruments such as moulds, weight-batching plant, stressing system, mixing & vibration system, steam curing system, de-moulding and de-tensioning, water curing, product inspection and lab testing, sleeper testing and dispatch etc. are being done as per the checklists issued by Railways/Board/RDSO from time to time and record of same shall be maintained.

The production of PSC sleepers against this tender shall be permitted only when the Concrete Sleeper Plant complies all the provisions of STR.

During course of execution, the production of the concrete sleepers may be temporarily suspended by PCE of the Zonal Railway at the advice of inspecting official including RDSO, in serious cases of non-adherence to Specifications/Schedule of Technical Requirement or large scale rejection of sleeper (>2%) or premature failure of sleepers in track. Railways may order for

temporary suspension of the production in above cases and direct the manufacturer to identify the defects in the manufacturing process and rectify the same within a reasonable period. Production will be resumed once the manufacturer identifies and removes the defects and same is verified by the Zonal Railway and/or RDSO as the case may be. While allowing resumption of production, Railway may also order for higher scale of testing, till quality of production is stabilized in terms of provision of IRS-T- 39 for all PSC special sleeper except PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches and IRS-T-45 for PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches as amended up to date with all corrigendum up to date. Sleepers used for tests and found as per specifications and drawings shall be paid for by the Purchaser at accepted rates. Such sleepers paid for shall remain the property of the Purchaser and will be disposed of in the manner prescribed by the Purchaser from time to time. The rejected sleepers shall be permanently damaged by the contractor so as to make them unusable in addition to the provisions provided in para 6 of “Indian Railway specification for pre-tensioned pre-stressed concrete sleepers IRS-T-39 for all PSC special sleeper except PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches and IRS-T- 45 for PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches as amended up to date with all corrigendum up to date.” A certification that all rejected sleepers of previous batches have been permanently damaged and marked as per drawing, will be given by manufacturer before offering the next batch of fresh sleepers for inspection.

Regular inspection of SGCI inserts will be done by M/s RITES Ltd., at manufacturers premises. RITES will charge the inspection charges and the same will be borne by Supplier CSPs. Besides regular inspection by RITES, Rly officials will also conduct the inspections prescribed in Railway Board’s letter no. 98/TK-II/22/11/17/Pt. Policy, dtd. 11.08.2003.

Regular inspection of HTS wire will be done by inspecting authority by nominated official of zonal Railway sat manufacturers premises in accordance with IS: 6006. In addition to this, periodical test checks by a JA grade officer to be stipulated by the Chief Engineer of the Zonal Railway shall also be carried out.

6. Implementation of payment through letter of credit (LC):

Implementation of payment through letter of credit (LC) as option in domestic supply contracts has been incorporated vide railway board letter no 2018/RS(G)/779/4 dated 04.06.2018 and necessary enclosure are available in Annexure “X”.

7. Modification to Design:

In case purchaser, at any stage, during the currency of the contract, deciding to make minor modifications to the design of PSC Sleeper, the supplier shall modify the moulds, manufacturing process, etc. to suit such minor modifications. The cost of such modifications will be negotiated and mutually settled and will be paid by the purchaser.

8. Dispatch:

1. The consignee instructions and booking orders will be given by the **Principal Chief Engineer**, North Western Railway, Jaipur (Rajasthan)-302017 or his nominee.

2. On placement of railway wagons or road vehicles as arranged by the purchaser at the work/siding/nearest B.G. loading station siding of N. W. Rly., the contractor will load the passed sleepers at his cost within the specified loading time. The loading pattern shall be as per drawing approved by the Purchaser. Hard wood battens of 50 x 50 mm section shall have to be provided free of cost by the contractor at both rail seats of each sleeper on every successive layers loaded in wagons or road vehicles, but contractor shall be at liberty to collect the wooden packing at destination at his own cost and no claim of shortage or damage would be entertained by the purchaser.

3. The contractor shall arrange loading promptly and any payment of demurrage charges on account of delay in loading shall be to the contractors account. A dispatch certificate indicating the number of sleepers taken over, their category and batch number, etc. of sleepers loaded into wagons/vehicles may be obtained from the consignor authorized by the **Principal Chief Engineer**, North Western Railway, Jaipur or his nominee. Such certificate shall be admitted for the purpose of payments.

4. The responsibility for damages or losses en route will be to the account of the purchaser only for consignment booked against clear RRs or against certificates as per clause 8.3 above.

9. Delivery Schedule:

1. Delivery of Stores to be completed within duration as specified in tender schedule.

2. Notwithstanding the uniform schedule of delivery, actual supplies will be regulated by the purchaser through release orders to be issued by Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, Jaipur or his nominee as per its actual requirement. The monthly schedule can be altered by slowing down the rate of production by the purchaser by giving 3 months notice. In case the supplies are slowed down, delivery period will be extended accordingly. Failure to make supplies as per the schedule fixed in advance will attract penalty as per clause 11 below.

3. If the contractor fails to deliver the store within the delivery period as per contract or as extended or at any time repudiates the contract before the expiry of such period due to any circumstances whatsoever, save as provided in Clause 9.4 and force majeure *Clause*, the purchaser reserves the right to cancel the contract for the balance quantity in whole or in part and recover from him the liquidated damages. If, however, the stores are accepted after the expiry of the period fixed for delivery, the purchaser may grant an extension of the delivery period at its sole discretion, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the purchaser has the right to recover from the contractor the liquidated damages in terms of clause 0702 of IRS Conditions of Contract on the stores, which the contractor has failed to deliver within the period fixed for delivery.

(b) That no increase in price on account of any statutory increase in or fresh imposition of Customs Duty, GST, Freight Charges or on any account of any other tax or duty leviable in respect of the stores specified in the contract, which takes

place after the date of delivery period stipulated in the said Acceptance of Tender shall be admissible on such of the said stores as are delivered after said date.

(c) That notwithstanding any stipulation in the contract for increase in price on any other grounds no such increase which takes place after the delivery date stipulated in the contract shall be admissible on such of the said as are delivered after the said date.

(d) But nevertheless, the purchaser shall be entitled to the benefit of any decrease in price on account of reduction in or remission of Customs Duty, GST or on account of any other ground which takes place after the expiry of the above-mentioned date namely the delivery date stipulated in the contract. The contractor shall allow the said benefit in his bills or in the absence thereof shall certify that no decrease in price on account of any of these factors has taken place.

4. Delay in dispatch of sleepers for want of BFRs/Wagons beyond 15 days of passing by the Inspecting Authority shall be considered a valid ground for the purpose of extension of delivery period by the Railway.

5. Unsupplied quantities against the contract within DP shall be treated as cancelled without financial repercussions on either side provided such shortfalls are not more than 5% of the contract quantity then the same will be treated as cancelled without financial repercussion on either side and request for extension of Delivery period shall not be entertained towards such quantities.

10. Price Variation Clause:

The accepted rate will vary in accordance with the price variation formula as detailed below to take into consideration variation in prices during execution of contract. Price variation will be worked out by taking into consideration the Indices/basic rates for the month of production.

Price Variation Formula:

$$P_1 = (P_0 / 100) (10 + 23 I_1/I_0 + 11 L_1/L_0 + 21 S_1/S_0 + 26 C_1/C_0 + 9 W_1/W_0)$$

Where

P₁: Updated Basic Rate of sleeper

P₀ : Accepted Basic Rate of sleeper

I₁: WPI for Pig Iron during production Month as per Economic Advisor, Ministry of Industry web site <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

I₀ : WPI of Pig Iron for one month before tender opening month as per Economic Advisor, Ministry of Industry Web site <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

L₁ : All India Consumer Price Index of Industrial Labour during production Month, as per Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour web site <http://labourbureau.gov.in>.

L₀ : All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Labour for one month before tender opening month as per Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour web site <http://labourbureau.gov.in>.

S₁ : WPI for alloy steel wire rods during Production Month as per Economic Advisor, Ministry of Industry web site <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

S₀ : WPI for alloy steel wire rods for one month before tender opening month as per Economic Advisor, Ministry of Industry web site <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

C₁ : WPI for "Ordinary Portland Cement" during production month as per Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry website <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

C₀ : WPI for "Ordinary Portland Cement" one month before tender opening month as per Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry website <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

W₁ : WPI for all commodities during production Month as per Economic Advisor, Ministry of Industry web site <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

W₀ : WPI for all commodities for one month before tender opening month, as per Economic Advisor, Ministry of Industry web site <http://eaindustry.nic.in>.

10.1 In order to avoid blockage of funds till final escalation is worked out and paid on the basis of indices for the month of production, the accepted price will be updated every 3 months as per the above formula for escalation. First updating shall be done on the basis of indices for the month of acceptance of tender as soon as confirmed indices for the month of acceptance are available. Payment for the supplies made shall be done at the latest updated price.

11. Input Tax Credit:

(a) Input Tax Credit as available on the date of tender opening is to be taken into account and passed on to the Purchaser while quoting the prices.

(b) In the event of any additional Input Tax Credit benefit, if becomes available to the supplier or Input Tax Credit is being available for more items than those already covered, the same shall be passed on to the purchaser without any undue delay. The firm should advise the purchaser about the additional benefits accrued or any variation thereof, through a letter containing the following certificate:

“We hereby declare that we can avail additional Input Tax Credit due to..... and we hereby give a reduction of per unit and agree to revise the prices indicated in the order”. In order to avoid blockage of funds till final escalation is worked out and paid on the basis of indices for the month of production, the accepted price will be updated every six months as per the above formula for escalation. First updating shall be done on the basis of indices for the month of acceptance of tender as soon as confirmed indices for the month of acceptance are available. Payment for the supplies made shall be done at the latest updated price.

12. Payment of Freight on input materials:

Freight on input material is included in the quoted item rates and nothing extra will be paid/ reimbursed on account of any cost of transportation of input material i.e. Inserts, HTS wire and Cement etc.

13. Payments:

The time to time interim payment towards supply of finished goods shall be made at the updated rate inclusive of freight. The final payment would be made as per Escalated / Deescalated rate worked out on the basis of Price Variation Clause (Clause 10) and freight as per clause 12. All payments will be made by the FA& CAO, North Western Railway on submission of bills in accordance with the procedure as detailed below:

a. 90% of the price of each consignment will be paid after the PSC sleepers are inspected and passed by the Purchaser on execution of Indemnity Bond as per

format specified in tender schedule for an equivalent amount by the contractor. In such cases of 90% advance payments, a copy of the Inspection Certificate shall be enclosed with the bills. The contractor may submit the Indemnity Bond for 90% of the contract values in one go in lieu of submitting several Indemnity Bonds for 90% of value of each inspected consignment.

b. Balance 10% of the price of each consignment will be paid on proof of dispatch and on submission of Indemnity Bond as per format specified in tender schedule for 25% of the value of stores supplied covering the warranty period as per warranty clause. The contractor may submit the Indemnity Bond for 25% values of the entire value of the contract in one go in lieu of submitting several Indemnity Bonds for 25% of each consignment. Consignors Certificate shall be enclosed with 10% bills. In case, 90% payment as laid down in clause 15.2 above is not sought, 100% of the price of each consignment will be paid on proof of dispatch of stores and on submission of Indemnity Bond.

c. PSC mono-block concrete sleepers which are treated for surface defects as provided under Clause 4.7.3 of the Standard Specification of PSC Sleepers as amended up to date shall be accepted and payment made @ 92.5% of the standard sleepers.

d. All payments shall be subject to the deduction of any amount for which the Contractor is liable under this contract or any other contract in respect of which the President of India is the purchase and any other deductions as are legally leviable as per Indian laws.

14. Progress Report:

The Contractor shall submit monthly progress report on production, supply, inspection, rejection and on stocks of principal raw materials to the Paying Railway as per enclosed Proforma (Annexure-VII) by 1st of the following month and also furnish stock position of principal raw materials and any other particulars relating to the contract when called for.

15. Warranty:

The contractor guarantees that the PSC Sleepers which he supplies shall be manufactured fully in accordance with specifications. In all cases, the contractor guarantees that its design shall strictly follow the “as made” detailed drawing with such modifications as are notified in respect of each type.

a. The contractor further guarantees that the PSC sleepers shall be free from defects in material and workmanship. The contractor shall be liable to arrange the necessary replacements of the defective sleepers free of any charge only to the extent that such replacements are attributable to or arise from faulty workmanship or material or design in the manufacture of the sleepers. All replacements shall be made free of cost at destination. If the contractor so desires, the replaced sleepers can be taken over by him for disposal as he deems fit, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the replacement of defective sleepers by the purchaser. At the expiry of this period, no claim in this respect shall lie on the purchaser.

b. The guarantee herein contained shall not apply to any material which shall have been repaired or altered by the Purchaser, or on his behalf in any way so as to affect its strength, performance or reliability, or to any defect to any part due to misuse, negligence or accident.

c. The guarantee herein contained shall expire in respect of each sleeper on the expiry of 5 years from the date of the manufacturing/ 3 years from the date of placement in service whichever is earlier, except in respect of defects notified to the contractor prior to the expiry of such date. Provisions of IRS-T-39 for all PSC special sleeper except PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches and IRS-T-45 for PSC sleepers for turnouts and Derailing switches as amended up to date with all corrigendum up to date, in this regard shall also be applied.

d. All replacements that the purchaser shall call upon the contractor to deliver under this guarantee shall be delivered by the contractor within three months from the date of intimation of such rejection of defective sleepers. If the contractor fails to replace the defective sleepers within the said period, the cost of the said sleepers at the rate stipulated in the contract shall be recovered from the payments due to the contractor.

e. Any approval of acceptance by the purchaser of the sleepers or of the materials, incorporated therein shall not in any way limit the contractors liability hereunder.

f. The decision of the purchaser in regard to contractors liability under this guarantee shall be final and conclusive.

16. Jurisdiction of Courts:

Court Jurisdiction:- For any disputes related to contract or inspection/action by RDSO in pursuance of “General Guidelines for Vendor Approval”, the court jurisdiction would be the HQ of the Zonal Railway, where the contract agreement has been signed (i.e. Jaipur in this case).

17. Quoting of min. quantity: As specified in NIT document

18. RDSO Inspection & Consequent actions:

Supplier being a Firm/Vendor approved by RDSO, shall abide by all the provisions of “General Guidelines For Vendor Development” of RDSO and its latest amendment, corrigendum etc. as published on RDSO’s website under the link “vendor interface”.

19. GST

(A) For the tenders opening after roll out of GST- All the bidders/ tenders should ensure that they are GST compliant and their quoted tax structure/ rates are as per GST Law.

(B) In case the successful tenderer is not liable to be registered under CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST Act, the railway shall deduct the applicable GST from his/their bills under reverse charge mechanism (RCM) and deposit the same to the concerned tax authority.

(C) Where however, bidders quote different GST rates in offers, During transition phase, following conditions will govern:

(i) The offers shall be evaluated based on the GST rate as quoted by each bidder and same will be used for determining the inter se ranking. While submitting offer, it shall be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that they quote correct GST rate and HSN number.

(ii) Purchaser shall not be responsible for any misclassification of HSN number or incorrect GST rate if quoted by the bidder.

(iii) Wherever the successful bidder invoices the goods at GST rate or HSN number which is different from that incorporated in the purchase order, payment shall be made as per GST rate which is lower of the GST rate incorporated in the purchase order or billed.

(iv) Vendor is informed that she/he would be required to adjust her/his basic price to the extent required by higher tax billed as per invoice to match the all inclusive price as mentioned in the purchase order.

(v) Any amendment to GST rate or HSN number in the contract shall be as per the contractual conditions and statutory amendments in the quoted GST rate and HSN number, under SVC.

20. Eligibility of Class-I local supplier/Class-II local supplier/non-local suppliers for different types of procurement.

In procurement of all goods, services or works in respect of which the Nodal Ministry/Department has communicated that there is sufficient local capacity and local competition, “only Class-I local supplier” as defined under the order, shall be eligible to bid irrespective of purchase value. As per Ministry of Railways, following track fittings and sleeper items shall be procured, irrespective of the purchase value, from Class I Local Suppliers only.

S.No.	Item
1.	Spheroidal Graphite Cast Iron Insert
2.	Elastic Rail Clips MK –III & ERC -J
3.	Elastic Rail Clips MK –V
4.	Glass Filled Nylon -66 Insulating Liners

5.	Polyethylene Dowel
6.	Nylon Cord Reinforced Elastomeric Pad
7.	Metal liners
8.	Glued Insulated Rail Joints
9.	Fibre Glass Cloth Woven Roving-360
10.	High Tensile Fish Bolts & Nuts
11.	Glue
12.	Fabricated Switches
13.	Fabricated Crossings
14.	Cast Manganese Steel Crossings
15.	Switch Expansion Joints (SEJs)
16.	Single Coil Spring Washer
17.	Fish Plates
18.	Fish Plates Bars
19.	SSD for Curved Switches
20.	Improved Switches Expansion Joint for 65 mm gap (max)
21.	Improved Switches Expansion Joint for 80 mm gap (max)
22.	Composite Grooved Rubber Sole Plates (6.2 mm & 10 mm thick)
23.	Grooved Rubber Sole Plates (6mm & 10 mm thick)
24.	Fusion welding of Rails by Alumino-thermic Process
25.	Thick Web Switch
26.	Zero Toe Load fastening (ZTLF) System
27.	PSC Sleepers
28.	H Beam Sleepers
29.	Steel channel Sleepers

Note: Items for which Ministry of Railway is not the nominated nodal Ministry, procurement shall be done as per guideline of nodal Ministry for respective items.

Therefore, vendors attention is drawn for the following condition that in keeping with the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017, as amended, it has been found that there is a sufficient local capacity and competition in supply in the above item of required quality and therefore public procurement of these items is restricted to class I local supplier only. Hence, the vendors who do not qualify to be class I local suppliers should not quote in the tender as their offer shall not be considered for any ordering. In case any vendor who does not qualify to be a class I local supplier for the tendered item participates in the tender it does so at its own risk and cost and Railways shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused to the vendor. Only Class-I local supplier and Class-II local supplier as

defined under the order, shall be eligible to bid in procurements undertaken by procuring entities except when Global tender enquiry has been issued in global tender enquiries Non local suppliers shall also be eligible to bid along with Class-I local supplier and Class-II local supplier. In procurement of all goods, services or works, not covered by sub para 3 (a) above, and with estimated value of purchases less than Rs. 200 crore in accordance with Rule 161(iv) of GFR, 2017, Global tender enquiry shall not be issued except with the approval of competent authority as designated by Department of Expenditure.