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KRISHI BHAVAN: NEW DELHI**

F. No/FIN/22/2/2022-CDN (A&A)

Dated the: 28th May, 2024

ENDORSEMENT

Sub.: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries/ Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Public Procurement Division, New Delhi has issued an O.M. No.F.20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024 on the subject mentioned above.

As approved by the Competent Authority, this O.M. No.F.20/42/2021-PPD dated 20.05.2024 has been posted on the ICAR Web-Site www.icar.org.in for information, guidance and compliance.

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502, Lok Nayak Bhavan
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Dated 20.05.2024.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Special provisions for Scientific Ministries/ Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

Attention is invited towards this Department's OMs of even numbers dated 01.09.2021, 24.09.2021, 03.12.2021 & 08.01.2024 vide which amendments in the GFRs were carried out by this Department based on the inputs collated by NITI Aayog etc. from various scientific Ministries/ Departments, that were impeding smooth functioning. Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) has now sent more recommendations for relaxation in the GFRs for ease of procurement.

2. In view of all above, in supersession of all above mentioned OMs, amendments in the GFRs are now being made, as indicated in para 3 of this OM. These amendments which will be applicable **only** for to the following Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations of Government of India:

- (i) Department of Science and Technology
- (ii) Department of Biotechnology
- (iii) Department of Scientific & Industrial Research
- (iv) Department of Atomic Energy
- (v) Department of Space
- (vi) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (vii) Defence Research & Development Organization
- (viii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), including its affiliated institutions and Universities ;
- (ix) Department of Health Research (DHR), including Indian Council of Medical Research;
- (x) Educational and Research Institutes conducting post-graduate/ doctoral level courses or research, under any Ministry/ Department.

It is reiterated that these amendments are applicable only for the above Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations.

3. The existing Rules and the amended Rules of the GFRs are as under:

Rule No.	Existing Rule	Amended GFR
133(3)	As an alternative to 133(2), a	As an alternative to 133(2), a