The General Manager,
All Zonal Railways/PU's

Sub: Quality Procurement of Stores-vendor development cell in Railways.

Ref: 1. Railway Board's letter No 99/RS(G)/709/1 dated 29.03.2006 & 27.5.2014
2. Audit Para No 5.1 for the year 2011-12 (CAG Report No. 25 of 2013 - Railways)

Reference above. Audit has pointed out that vide letter referred in reference-1 above Railway Board advised Zonal Railways/Production Units to –

i) Establish Vendor Development Cell to develop suitable vendor firms and to carry out vendor rating for assessing the firms.

ii) A quality file should be maintained containing the basic information of description, specification, approved sources, records of quality and delivery performance of the sources and other relevant information.

Audit noted during examination that Vendor Development Cell was not established by most of the Zonal Railways/PU's.

Since Board's instructions for Vendor Development Cell is already there, you may take necessary steps for institutionalization of the vendor approval process (if not already done) in your Railway.

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