No. 76/RS(G)/779/55 Pt. New Delhi, dated: 27.10.2015

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The ED(Stores)/RDSO/Lucknow & NAIR/Vadodara,
DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RCF/RBL/NDLS

Sub: Procurement of Proprietary Article Certified (P.A.C.) Items.

Ref: Board's letter No. 73/RS(G)/779/30/Pt II dated 17.02.1989

1.0 Vide above referred letter, it was instructed that Railway will issue advertised tender for PAC items once in two years. However, audit has noted that despite issuance of above referred instructions for developing new sources for propriety items, shortage of suppliers of PAC items has lead to monopoly and also has resulted in delay/short supply of materials.

2.0 Hence, it is decided that to develop new vendors for PAC items Railways will invariably issue advertised tenders in tender cases, where estimated value of purchase is more than open tender limits (currently Rs 15 lakhs), even though PAC has been submitted except for the items as indicated in para 2(vii) of Rly Bd letter no. 73/RS(G)/779/30/Pt II dated 30.03.1987.

3.0 In such tenders, the aspect of development of new vendors against offers obtained in the advertised tender as laid down in para 2(v) of Rly Bd letter no. 73/RS(G)/779/30/Pt II dated 30.03.1987 should be expeditiously followed.

4.0 All advertised tenders must include suitable eligibility criteria for developing new vendors.

5.0 Placement of regular order will however continue to be done on the OEM/approved vendor as indicated in para 2(vii) of Rly Bd letter dated 30.03.1987.

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