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The DG/RDSO/Lucknow & NAIR/Vadodara
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS
MD/All Railway PSUs, KRCL, MRVC

Sub : Procurement of Signalling Cables.


Please find enclosed Board’s letter under reference on the above subject for information and necessary action.

DA : As above

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No. 2014/Sig/SGF/3/Cables(Pt.)

The General Manager,
All Indian Railways, NF(C), CORE.
The DG/RDSO/Lucknow & NAIR/Vadodara

Sub: Procurement of Signalling Cables.

Some of the Railways have highlighted the issue of non-supply of Signalling cables by the cable vendors. The issue of supply of cables was also discussed during MR’s review meeting with Zonal Railways.

2. Since Railways have also brought out the capacity constraints on the part of RDSO approved vendors and have sought for dispensation from RDSO restrictions, policy guidelines have been issued for such dispensation vide Board’s letter no. 2017/RS(M)/Misc/1 dated 03.07.2018, reproduced below:-

"Where the procuring Railway Unit is satisfied about the constraint of RDSO approved sources to meet the requirement of signalling cables of Railways, the procuring Railway, may dispense with the requirement of procuring signalling cables from RDSO approved sources. However being category-II item, inspection by RDSO and specification of RDSO shall be applicable as per Railway Board’s letter No. 99/RS(G)/709/1 Pt.1 dated 11.03.2005.

It shall be ensured that tender conditions and procurement is compliant to public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017”

3. In addition to above, vide Railway Board’s letter no. 2005/RS(G)/779/12 dated 19.04.2006 (copy enclosed), Zonal Railways have been empowered to include the supply of cables in a particular works contract, keeping in view the overall interest of the Railways, after giving appropriate justification. Now, it has been decided that this can be further delegated by the GM’s to CAO/DRM’s.

Above provisions may be judiciously used as per requirement, to tide over the crisis due to shortage of cables, presently felt on some Railways.

This issues with the approval of Board(CRB).

(P.K. Gupta)
Exe. Dir. Signal (Project)

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Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No. 2005/RS(G)/779/12
New Delhi, dated: 19.04.2006

The General Manager, All Indian Railways & PUs.
The Director General, RDSO, Lucknow.
The General Manager, CORE, Allahabad.
CAO/MTP, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata & Delhi.
CAO/DMW, Patiala and COFMOW, New Delhi.
The General Manager, NFR(C).

Sub: Procurement policy for Signaling, Telecommunication and Electrical Cables.

While studying Action Taken Report (ATN) on one of the Audit Paras, it has come to Board's notice that Railways are incurring undue extra expenditure in procurement of cables through works contracts. This issue has been examined by Board in detail & after due deliberations, Board have decided that all types of cables i.e. signaling, telecom and electrical cables should be procured as a part of Stores Contracts.

In view of this, the following instructions should be followed scrupulously:-

(1) The supply of cables needed for construction activity or maintenance activity should not be included in the works contract and should be procured only through Stores Supply Contract.

(2) If in any eventuality, the need for including the supply of cables (signaling/telecom/electrical) in a particular works contract is felt absolutely necessary in the over all interest of the Railway, such decision should be taken after giving appropriate justification which should be agreed to by COS & FA&CAO and personally approved by GM.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(Aruna Jain)
(Dy. Director Railway Stores(G)-II)
Railway Board