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Annexure 16/1-16

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Railway Board

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The Principal Chief Engineer(s),
South Eastern Railway, Kolkata.
East Coast Railway, Bhubhaneswar.
Southern Railway, Chennai.
South Central Railway, Secunderabad.
South Western Railway, Hubli.

Sub: Identification and creation of siding facilities for working of heavy duty RGM under procurement.

1.0 Two nos. of 72 stones capacity heavy duty Rail Grinding Machines (RGMs) are under procurement out of which one has been nominated to be deployed for CC+8+2 ton (and more) routes between Chennai-Howrah section (including feeder routes) with base station at Raynapadu/SCR, which is also having CPOH Depot. This RGM will cover SER, ECoR, SCR, SR/SWR. To facilitate its maintenance and working, like other track machines, stabling lines/sidings are required at different locations at an interval of 40 kms to 50 kms. The total length of siding required is approx.300m which can be either one spur of 300m length or two spurs of 150m each (length of RGM is approx.130 m). The other spur is required for stabling of the supporting vehicles such as, oil/water tankers, camping coaches, supporting power etc. These lines should preferably be unwired and if OHE is provided then the isolation switch should be there to isolate the sidings so as not to affect the working of main line/loop lines etc.

2.0 Certain other minimum facilities are also required to be created at site such as:

- approach road to the siding;
- water for drinking as well as to meet the requirement of RGM for firefighting purposes;
- provision of lighting facilities for maintenance of machines;
- a ramp/elevated platform near the siding for decanting of HSD oil from the road tankers. Alternatively, pumping arrangement for decanting of HSD oil.
- good resting facilities, if possible.

3.0 With the above requirements in mind, Zonal Railway is requested to identify the locations for creation of such sidings. While evaluating the same, Railway may also examine the existing sidings/ infrastructure created for the working of other track machines, if need be, by suitably augmenting it to serve the above purpose.


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4.0 Regarding the working of RGM a meeting has been kept in this office (Room No.144-A, Railway Board) on 16 & 17th Feb.2009. The concerned officer may kindly be deputed alongwith the requisite details to attend the meeting either on 16.2.09 or 17.2.09 without fail. In this respect the undersigned has already had telephonic discussion with CE/TMCs and CTEs of the respective Railways.

This may kindly be treated as most urgent.


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