No. 94/CE-I/CT/4/Pt.18 New Delhi, dated 27th January ‘14

To,
As per list attached.

Sub: Procurement of materials from IS approved firms.

Ref: Railway Board’s circular no. 94/CE-I/CT/4, dated 17.09.1997.

Following instructions were issued vide Para 20(vii) of Board’s circular under reference:

“Railways should procure materials from IS approved firms. Independent tests should also be conducted to ensure that the materials conform to IS specifications.”

2. Intensive examination of a work of ‘Fabrication, erection and launching of welded plate girders for bridges of a Zonal Railway’ was carried out by Vigilance Department. As per ‘special conditions of contract’, paints etc. were to be only from one of the 4 manufacturers listed therein or from any other approved brand: but during execution of work, based on the representations from the contractor, paints of a particular brand were allowed for use.

3. On this issue, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has advised that the provision made in the agreement was not transparent, since naming superior brands in the agreement alongwith any other approved brand gives rise to subjectivity with the officials.

4. The matter has been examined in Board and it has been decided that while drafting works tenders / contract agreements, as far as practicable, subjectivity should be avoided. Board’s instructions, contained in circular under reference and quoted in Para 1 above alongwith detailed guidelines mentioned in “IR’s Unified Standard Specifications for Works & Materials”, should accordingly be followed.

5. Please acknowledge receipt.

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