Sub: Award of consultancy services and project/work to IITs etc.


Reference above, it is clarified that vide Board's letter no. F(X)II-2009/PW/3, dated 30.10.2009 (issued by Finance Directorate of Railway Board), General Manager's competence to sanction new works was increased from earlier power of Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 1 crore. Accordingly, mention of Rs. 30 lakh in Railway Board's pre-2009 letter no. 2005/E&R/3400/3, dated 30.01.2006 gets automatically revised to Rs. 1 crore and now, the proposals duly approved by DG/RDSO and costing above Rs. 1 crore only are to be sent to Railway Board for sanction of the competent authority.

Further, Para 4.5.1 of Board's above mentioned letter itself clarifies that for award of consultancy services and project/Work to IITs, CSIR and DRDO Labs; DG/RDSO has full powers for accepting the recommendations of Proposal Evaluation Committee even for the sanctioned projects of all costs, once the proposal has been approved by Railway Board. Therefore, no further clarification is needed on the subject.

Also, if any project work is sanctioned by the competent authority in the Works Programmes, with the mention of IITs etc. in the name/scope of work, it has to be awarded to the same institution after following the procedure contained in Railway Board's above mentioned letter no. 2005/E&R/3400/3, dated 30.01.2006.

The above clarifications dispose off the issues mentioned in RDSO's letter under reference.