Sub: Guidelines for procurement of Steel Items in Railway Projects/Contracts.

References have regularly been received from Railways etc. from time to time in connection with Guidelines & Specifications for procurement of Steel Items (Reinforcement Steel (TMT Bars) and Structural Steel) in Railway Projects/Contracts.

Board (ME), after review of all the existing instructions on the subject, have decided and approved Specifications & Guidelines for Works Contracts w.r.t. supply & use of quality TMT Bars & Structural Steel as under:

"All Reinforcement Steel (TMT Bars) and Structural Steel shall be procured as per specifications mentioned in BIS's documents - IS:1786 and IS:2062 respectively. Independent tests shall be conducted, wherever required, to ensure that the materials procured conform to the Specifications.

These steel shall be procured only from those firms, which are Established, Reliable, Indigenous & Primary Producers of Steel, having Integrated Steel Plants (ISP), using iron ore as the basic raw material and having in-house iron rolling facilities, followed by production of liquid steel and crude steel, as per Ministry Of Steel's guidelines.

However, only certain isolated sections of structural steel, not being rolled by ISPs, can be procured from the authorised re-rollers of ISPs or authorised licensee of BIS having traceability system and who use billets produced by ISPs. Traceability shall be ensured by an officer specially authorised by the concerned SAG officer of the Zonal Railway on case to case basis for this purpose."

Board have desired that these instructions should be strictly followed by all concerned.

Receipt of the letter may please be acknowledged.

Copy for information and necessary action to:

- Director General, RDSO, Lucknow.
- Principal Chief Engineers & Chief Administrative Officers (Const), All Indian Railways.
- M.Ds. / IRCON, RITES, RVNL, RLDA, CONCOR, DMRC, KRCL, MRVC, DFCCIL and CRIS.