No. 2013/CE-I/CT/O/25/VOC                New Delhi, dated 01.08.2013

To,
As per list attached.

Sub : Detailed measurement of repetitive works based upon SMBs.

Following instructions were issued vide Para (iv) of Railway Board’s Circular vide no. 99/CE-I/CT/60, dated 21.05.2003:

"Detailed measurements of repetitive works, like white washing etc. should be based upon Standard Measurement Books (SMBs), as prescribed in the Engineering Code Para no. 1327. The system of using the reference MBs, if in vogue on any of the Railway / Unit, should be discontinued. If necessary, one time exercise may be taken for getting the SMBs prepared."

It has been reported by Vigilance Directorate that in one Zonal Railway, payments have been released based upon measurements recorded in the earlier Measurement Books (MBs) and the Standard Measurement Books (SMBs) are not being maintained in Estate section. Such a practice, on the Railway is not proper and is contrary to the existing instructions on the subject.

The matter has been examined in Board and it is hereby reiterated that Railway Board’s instructions in this regard, quoted in above referred letter, should strictly be followed by Zonal Railways / PUs etc. List of updated SMBs should be available in the Divisional Hqrs. and the same should be circulated to all concerned, so that any irregularity in this regard is prevented in future.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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