GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2009/LMB/01/03

The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways,
Production Units,

Managing Directors,
IRCON, RITES, RVNL,
DFCCIL, CONCOR, MRVC

The Directors General,
RDSO, Lucknow,
RSC, Vadodara

Vice-Chairman,
Rail Land Development Authority

The Director,
IRICEN, Pune.

New Delhi, dated 14-01-2010

Sub.: Unified Standard Specifications and Unified Standard Schedule of Items

Railways had been following separate Schedule of Rates along with a number of non-scheduled items for the execution of various works within their jurisdiction. Need was felt to revise and standardize the specifications for materials & works, unified standard schedule of items and to develop software based common analysis of rates for the items of unified SOR.

Various documents required as above have been prepared after detailed deliberation in Railway Board with Expert Group nominated for the purpose. Board (ME) has approved the following documents:

i. Indian Railways Unified Standard Specifications (Materials & Works)
ii. Indian Railways Unified Standard Schedule of Items (For Rates of Materials & Works)
iii. Software based common methodology of Analysis of Rates of Items in Unified Standard Schedule of Items
iv. Basic Input Data sheet for preparation of Unified SOR
Northern Railway has been directed to arrange for publication of these approved documents for use in Railways. All Railways, Production Units and PSUs shall collect the above documents along with software in CD from CE/P&D, Northern Railway after 26-1-2010. IRICEN, Pune shall arrange for uploading these documents on IRICEN website.

All Railways, Production Units and PSUs shall prepare their own 'Schedule of Rates' based on common methodology for software-based 'Analysis of Rates of Items in Unified Standard Schedule of Items'. Each Railway shall incorporate basic input cost of labor, material, etc. prevalent in the particular zonal railway, in consultation with associate finance, in 'Basic Data Sheet' software file for 'Analysis of Rates of Items in Unified Standard Schedule of Items'.

The above documents shall be followed for all future tendering process with effect from 1st April 2010 after preparation of 'Schedule of Rates' and 'Analysis of Rates of Items in Unified Standard Schedule of Items' by Railways.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(J & Lakra)
Director / L&A
Railway Board

Copy forwarded to:-
1. The FA & CAO/All Indian Railways and Production Units
2. Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), 224, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi

For Financial Commissioner/Railways

Copy to:

i) F(X) I Branch, Railway Board

ii) AM (CE), AM (W) & all Executive Directors of Engineering Directorates of Railway Board

iii) Chief Engineer, Planning & Design, Northern Railway for information and necessary action