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New Delhi, dated 12.05.2023

To,
The Director General
Research Designs & Standards Organisation
Manak Nagar, Lucknow-226011.

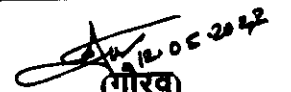
Sub: Consultancy Tender for Dedicated Test Track

Ref: RDSO's DO Letter No. RDSO-TMM0LKO(CD TT)/2/2023, dated 24.04.2023

1. RDSO vide letter under reference has sought clarification regarding delegation of Powers to CAO/Con & GM's for consultancy contracts.
2. The issues have been examined in consultation with Finance Directorate of Railway Board and following clarifications are furnished:-

Clarification Sought by RDSO	Board Clarification
i) It is not clear whether CAO/Cs have been empowered upto limit of Rs 10cr. as per full powers of GM's under item no 5B of SOP part A or otherwise i.e. beyond Rs 10 Crs for consultancy contracts.	Railway Board vide letter No.2022/F(X)II/PW/1, dated 10.05.2022 has issued instruction regarding Delegation of Power to CAO/Con for construction projects, wherein full powers for consultancy works have been given to CAO/Cs. Item no. 4 of above letter stipulated that <i>'In cases where the powers of CAO/C delegated through this letter has exceeded the powers already delegated to the General Managers, GMs will automatically be authorized to exercise the same enhanced powers as delegated to the CAO/C through this letter'</i> . Therefore, DG/RDSO is authorized to use the enhanced powers of CAO/Cs.
ii) The constitution of Tender committee beyond Rs 10 Cr. in case of consultancy works needs to be clarified in view of RB TC letter dated 27.11.2017.	There will be a three member Committee of HAG officers, one from Executive Department as Convener, One Finance member and the third member to be nominated by GM. However, if HAG finance member is not available, SAG finance member may be nominated.
iii) Post of DG(Spl.) Engg. RDSO is now filled with regular incumbent who look after Engineering related works. However, there is no clarity regarding delegation of Power to DG (Spl.) Engg. and requested to issue necessary clarification/directives.	The delegation of powers to CAO/C is on a very different footing, primarily aimed at enhancing the pace of execution of large infrastructure projects. The post of Special DG/RDSO is not similarly placed. DG/RDSO exercises all the powers available to GMs of open line Railways including the powers to award consultancy works. Therefore the proposal of RDSO is has not been found feasible for acceptance.

3. This issues with the approval of Board (MI, MF).


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