Sub: Procurement of CBC and its components for wagon maintenance and manufacturing

Ref: 1) Board’s letter of even no.01.08.2017
2) Board’s lr.No. 2016/M(N)/172/1 dated 28.02.2018
3) SC Rly’s lr.No.Dy.CMM/C&W/WD-70-BD-2010 dt.20.03.18

With reference to the query received from SC Railway vide letter u/r, the following is clarified:

(a) There are total ten vendors available for this item out of which 3 are capable of unlimited ordering and balance for limited ordering. Since there are no approved vendors, there should be no difficulty, in ensuring full coverage against each demand through the developmental vendors available.

(b) The train parting incidences need to be controlled and to that end implementation of the upgraded high capacity indigenous couplers WD-70 is to be immediately implemented. The matter being, related to reliability and safety of train operations and cannot be kept pending till such time the approved vendors are available after required due process.

(c) As regards the issue of some of the vendors, who are also manufacturers themselves, not bidding in the railways tenders, such cases should invariably be reported to RDSO. RDSO has been time and again advising all developmental vendors of this item to ensure that their bids are made in each tender floated by zonal railways. RDSO shall be monitoring this aspect in future and the feedback from the zonal railways in case of non-compliance of such instruction would be taken up with due seriousness by RDSO.

(d) It has also been pointed out that one particular vendor has earlier been failing in supply of the old specification of CBC component (WD-48-BD). RDSO has been monitoring the performance of approved/developmental vendors however, there should not be any basis for making any judgements about the capability of the firm for other materials.

In light of the foregoing clarifications, it is requested that action be taken on the zonal railways and feedback regarding poor supply performance as well as no bid submission be invariably provided to RDSO/Wagon Dte.

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