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(रेलवे बोर्ड) (RAILWAY BOARD)

रेल भवन, नई दिल्ली - 110001

No. 2018/Sig/17/16/1

Date: 14.08.2019

**CMD,
Rail Vikas Nigam Limited,
Bhikaji Cama Place,
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Sub: Import of Q-Series Signalling Relay for RVNL Projects.

Ref: PED/RVNL's letter No. RVNL/S&T/Critical-Material/Pt 1 dated 27.06.2019.

Reference is invited to RVNL's letter dated 27.06.2019 as mentioned above vide which proposal has been submitted to Railway Board to consider import of Q-Series Signalling Relays of various types to improve the supply situation for relays and facilitate completion of major infrastructure works as per targets.

2. RVNL has submitted following justification for their proposal:

i) Annual requirement of Q-Series Relays of various types for important infrastructure projects like Doubling, RE Work, New Line, etc., being executed by RVNL is about 1 lakh for the year 2019-20. However, presently there is acute shortage of Relay supply from RDSO approved Firms.

ii) RVNL has held discussions with Contractors and Manufacturers however, supply of Relays is still short of requirement leading to delay in commissioning of targeted infrastructure projects.

iii) Many foreign Manufacturers of Q Series Relays based on BRS specifications are existing like 1) M/s Mors Smitt, U.K., 2) M/s Select Rail, Australia & 3) M/s Siemens, U.K.

iv) Importing Q-Series Relays of various types will improve the supply position and facilitate completion of major infrastructure works in timely manner.

3. The matter has been examined in Board's office in consultation with Stores Dte. It has been observed that the extant Policy of procurement permits imports only if, either the requisite quantity of goods is not indigenously available or Gross/available manufacturing local capacity is inadequate to fulfill quantity requirements. Therefore, if the actual supply performance of the industry can be deemed as 'inadequate' of indigenously available capacity, import may be resorted, to cater for increased requirements due to stiff targets.

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4. As brought out in Para 2 above, RVNL has reported that supply of Relays is still short of requirement leading to delay in commissioning of targeted infrastructure projects, accordingly the comments of RDSO were sought on the proposal to import Q Series Relays. RDSO submitted that although the total assessed production capacity of suppliers is more than 8 lakh Relays per annum, the actual supply during 2018-19 has been around 4.5 lakh Relays, partly due to less supply by five RDSO approved Firms. RDSO has taken various steps including regular meetings with Vendors and registration of new Firms in the approved list. Although the supply of Relays has improved but still it is less than the supplies committed by Vendors during the Meeting held in Railway Board on 25.05.2019. Accordingly, RDSO has recommended that Railway Board may consider granting of permission to import Relays as per methodology suggested by them.

5. In view of the above, the matter has been examined by Board (MST, MMM) and RVNL is permitted to import Q Series Relays limited to the shortfall in quantities being supplied by RDSO approved Vendors, subject to the following:

- i. The relay manufacturer should have Design Type Approval for the desired product as per relevant BRS specification by a passenger carrying foreign Railway Authority/Operator at least for five years.*
- ii. Satisfactory performance reports from passenger carrying foreign railway operators may be taken and checked.*
- iii. There should not be any complaint against the manufacturer for delay in supplies and the manufacturer should be able to supply relays in required quantity and in required delivery period and should have certified production capacity for it.*

Presently, RDSO approved relay vendors have to use SIG contacts which are manufactured in India as per RDSO specification no. IRS: S67-85. Since, it is unlikely that foreign relay manufacturers are also using the same SIG contacts as per IRS specification, this requirement may be dispensed off in case of import from foreign manufacturers.

For any requirement of material inspection, the inspecting authority can get the material inspected at Manufacturer's end on sampling basis."

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