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No.2023/Sig/17-SigEquip/Maintenance-Part(1)

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The General Manager
NFR, ECoR, SWR, WR

Sub:- Strengthening of S&T maintenance activities.

In recent few years there has been a massive expansion/augmentation of Indian Railways network on account of infrastructure works. Further on the Existing IR network, in order to enhance safety and line capacity, Indian Railways have gone for implementing modern signaling systems like Kavach, ABS, IBS and Interlocking of Level Crossing Gates etc. Moreover, track maintenance has also shifted from manual to mechanized for which requirement of S&T staff for disconnecting and reconnecting of signaling equipments has also gone up drastically.

For smooth execution of above mentioned infrastructure, safety & modernization works, avoiding idling of engineering machines and for optimization of traffic blocks, it is essential that S&T gears maintenance system also gets strengthened. To address the same, the following has been decided:

1. As a pilot project, for assisting the signaling & telecom staff, execution of certain non-critical activities along with supply of required materials, deployment of technical teams at 10 to 15 major stations, on contractual basis, may be tried over one division each of 04 zonal railways i.e NFR, WR, ECoR and SWR. (Zonal Railways may choose the division).
2. The scope of the project may include:
 - a. Deployment of technical man power.
 - b. Provision of Multi utility vehicle with tools & equipments.
 - c. Provision of BOQ items for day to day maintenance.
 - d. Provision of one time training to contractual staff by Railways free of cost.
3. Each technical team may comprise of 01/02 Supervisor / Field Engineer and 04/05 technicians at identified locations. These teams are to be deployed for activities required in signaling & telecom including breakdowns, night gangs & heavy repair gangs, along with track machines, day to day maintenance etc utilizing them to the full under supervision/along with Railway staff.
4. Initially, this may be tried for a period of 2 years with provision of extension for a further period of 1 to 2 years.
5. On these 4 divisions work may be got executed through PSUs of Indian Railways having experience in S&T field (IRCON, RVNL, RailTel and

KRCL) by limited tender process.

6. The Cost of the work will be chargeable to revenue head, for which funds shall be provided.
7. These zonal railways may properly assess their requirements and while finalizing the tender schedule may coordinate amongst each other so as to have uniformity and ensure the rate reasonability based on their local conditions.

This issue with the approval of Board (MI, MF and CRB & CEO).

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