

भारत सरकार Government of India  
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways  
रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

No. 2022/RS(L)/709/1(SER-VHF Set) (E 3385444)

Dated: 02.07.2024

General Manager,  
All Zonal Railways/PUs

**Sub.: Exemption for procurement of 5watt VHF sets from applicability of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017.**

- Ref.: i. Railway Board (RB) letter No. 2022/RS(L)/709/1(SER-VHF Set) dated 09.05.2023.  
ii. RB letter No. 2022/RS(L)/709/1(SER-VHF Set) dated 03.08.2023.

Vide letters under reference (copy enclosed), Railway Board had conveyed approval of competent authority, exempting procurement of 5watt VHF sets from Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017 (PPP-MII). The said relaxation was granted upto 21.07.2023 or till development of indigenous vendors by RDSO.

2. In view of the fact that no indigenous vendors has yet been able to meet RDSO specifications and there is significant unmet demand on Indian Railways, competent authority has accorded approval for extension of exemption from the applicability of provisions of PPP-MII Order, in terms of Para 14 (c) of the PPP-MII Order, for procurement of 5watt VHF sets for use by crew in Indian Railways upto 20.07.2025 or till indigenous vendors are developed and are in a position to supply qualify 5 watt VHF set as per RDSO specification, whichever is earlier.

  
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2. Secretary, DPIIT ([secy-ipp@nic.in](mailto:secy-ipp@nic.in)) – as Chairman of the Standing Committee on implementation of PPP-MII Order
3. Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications (the nodal Ministry) ([secy-dot@nic.in](mailto:secy-dot@nic.in))
4. PCMMs, PFAs, PCEs, PCMEs, PCEEs, PCSTEs, All Indian Railways & PUs



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No. 2022/RS(L)/709/1(SER-VHF Set)

New Delhi, dated: 09.05.2023

Principal Chief Materials Manager  
SE Railway  
Kolkata

**Sub: Exemption for procurement of 5 watt VHF sets manufactured outside India for having local content less than 20% from applicability of PPP (MII) Order, 2017.**


- Ref: (i) Rly Board letter 2020/RS(G)/779/2 Pt.1 dated 25.9.2020 circulating DPIIT OM No. P-45021/2/2017-PP(BE-II) dated 16.9.2020.  
(ii) Rly Board letter No. 2020/RS(L)/779/1 dated 13.7.2022 nominating SE Rly as centralised unit for procurement of VHF sets for train operation.  
(iii) GTE proposal ID 2200148 for 5 watt VHF sets sent to Cabinet Secretariat for approval of Competent Authority.

The competent authority under PPP-MII Order has accorded exemption for procurement of 23254 Nos. VHF sets from the applicability of provisions of DPIIT's Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order in terms of clause 14(c) of the said order circulated vide ref (i) above. The relaxation would be valid for a period of one (01) year or till indigenous vendors are developed and are in a position to supply quality 5 watt VHF sets as per RDSO specification, whichever is earlier.

Accordingly, SE Rly may take further necessary action for procurement of 5 watt VHF sets for Indian Railways requirement. In the meantime proactive efforts should be made to develop the indigenous sources keeping Board apprised of the developments.

Also, SE Rly is advised to drop the GTE ID 2200148 for 5 watt VHF sets from e-Samiksha portal.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

  
(Chandan Kumar)  
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New Delhi, dated: 03.08.2023

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All Zonal Railways

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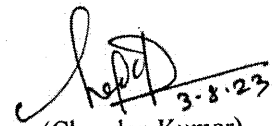
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The competent authority under PPP-MIII Order has accorded exemption for procurement of 5watt VHF sets from the applicability of provisions of DPIIT's Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order in terms of clause 14(c) of the said order circulated vide ref (i) above. The relaxation would be valid for a period of one (01) year w.e.f 21.07.2023 or till indigenous vendors are developed by RDSO, whichever is earlier.

2. The above exemption is in addition to the earlier exemption granted by Competent Authority from PPP-MII policy for procurement of 23254 5watt VHF sets for a period of one (01) year. Procurement against this exemption is under process by SER, the centralised unit for procurement of VHF sets for train operation and the same shall continue.

3. Any additional requirement of Zonal Railways (in addition to those included in SER procurement) for procurement of 5watt VHF sets may be procured by the Railway themselves as per the exemption granted as stated in Para-1. In the meantime proactive efforts should be made by RDSO to develop indigenous vendors for VHF sets for train operation duly keeping Board apprised of the developments.

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