

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2020/RS(G)/779/3

Dated: 04/02/2025

The General Managers, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(C), CORE
DG, RDSO/Lucknow, NAIR/ Vadodara
PCAO, PLW/Patiala, COFMOW
CAO, WPO/Patna, RWP/ Bela

Sub: Clarification regarding the delegation of powers in Service Contracts

Ref: i. Board letter no: 2020/RS(G)/779/3 dated 27/08/2020.

ii. Board letter no: 2018/Trans Cell/S&T/Model SOP dated 21/09/2020.

iii. Board letter no: 2023/F(X)II/PW/1 dated 27/12/2023.

iv. Board letter no: 2024/RS(G)/779/8 dated 22/11/2024

To emphasize the procurement of services through GeM and ensure effective coordination with GeM, it was informed vide letter under ref. (i) that the Stores Department shall be the exclusive agency for procurement of services through GeM. This authority was subsequently extended to all other departments vide letter under ref.(ii), wherein it was stated that the delegation of powers in case of Service Contracts shall also be applicable for procurement of Service through GeM.

2. The delegation of powers for service contracts was revised vide letter under ref. (iii), while the delegation of powers for Stores matters (which includes release of Supply Orders for performance of service, in terms of Clause 0117 of the IRS Conditions of Contract) was revised vide letter under ref.(iv).

3. In this context, one of the Railways has sought clarification on the following issues:

- a. Whether the delegation of powers for service contracts issued vide letter under ref. (iii) is applicable for the procurement of services through GeM?
- b. The powers stipulated vide letter under ref.(iv) for release of supply order for performance of service is different from that issued vide ref.(iii).

4. Clarification on the above issues is provided as follows:

- a. The delegation of powers for service contracts issued vide letter under ref. (iii) encompasses the authority to enter into service contracts through GeM, by the Officers other than Stores Department.
- b. When the Officers of Stores Department conclude service contracts on GeM, the powers specified in the letter under ref. (iv) shall apply.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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