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WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDSL, RWP/ Bela.

Sub.: Delayed Payments to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

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1. Delayed payments to suppliers, especially MSMEs, have been a matter of grave concern. Ministry of MSME has been highlighting the difficulties being faced by MSMEs due to delayed payments, including by CPSEs and Government agencies, at various forums. Timely clearance of dues to MSMEs is essential to ensure financial viability of this sector which is essential for employment generation and economic development of the nation.

2. Government of India has announced a stimulus package, on 13/05/2020, to support and spur growth in the MSME sector. As part of the stimulus package MSME receivables from the Government and CPSEs have to be released within 45 days.

3. Representations have also been received from Ministry of MSME and Department of Expenditure urging the Ministry of Railways to take steps to ensure that due payments to MSMEs are not held up by various Railway units as well as CPSEs under administrative control of Ministry of Railways.

4. Ministry of MSME has launched a portal, MSME SAMADHAAN, specifically to deal with grievances of MSEs related to delayed payments. MSME Samadhaan is a Portal created by Office of DC(MSME), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) where Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) can file their applications online regarding delayed payments. Details of grievances are available on the portal, unit wise. Comprehensive FAQs are also available on the portal for guidance and information.

5. Attention is also drawn to the MSMED Act, 2006, which makes it obligatory upon the paying authority to clear dues to MSEs (Micro and Small Enterprises) within a strict timeline, failing which penal interest is liable to be paid.

6. Delay in clearance of dues, especially to MSMEs, shall not be acceptable. It should be ensured that the commitments given by the Government are complied with by all the Railway Units and CPSEs.

7. It is also advised to undertake a detailed exercise for all types of contracts (goods/works/services) to identify all such cases where dues are pending and ensure that all payables to MSMEs are released without any delay.

This has concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways and approval of the competent authority.

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