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Sub.: Guidelines for Electronic Reverse Auction.
Ref.: Railway Board letter No. 2017/Trans/01/Policy/Pt-S dated 28/03/2018.

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Railway Board had issued instructions for implementation of e-Reverse Auction vide above referred letter. References have been received by Railway Board regarding need to review the elimination process, highlighting the need to have more competitive initial price offers.

The matter has been deliberated and following amendments to the existing policy are issued:

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2.3 (ii)  
Reverse Auction among bids categorised as Qualified for Developmental Order and Qualified for Bulk Order shall be conducted concurrently on IREPS/Suitable Platform in Stores tenders. Bidders shall only be able to see the auction screens relevant to them for each category. Purchaser shall be permitted to see all the auction screens for both categories on line.

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2.5  
After obtaining the final bids of the Reverse Auction, tenders shall be finalised as per existing policy (including price preference to MSEs and Make in India Order, 2017, wherever applicable) and in case of Stores tenders, procedures based on the eligibility and quantity 

After obtaining the final price offers through Reverse Auction, the lowest bid of only those bidders who had participated in the Reverse Auction shall be tabulated and considered for ordering. The offers of bidders which were eliminated from Reverse Auction in terms of Para 2.2 shall be tabulated separately and shall not be considered for any ordering. All the
distribution criteria, as pre-defined in the tender document. All the relevant policies of Government of India at the relevant time shall be applicable.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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