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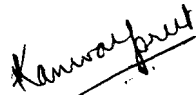
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General Managers, All Indian Railways and PUs,
PCAO/ DMW, CAO/ Bela, DG/ RDSO, DG/NAIR

Sub.: Manufacture of PPEs(Personal Protective Equipment) related items by Indian Railways.

1. Indian Railways is taking many effective steps in containing the spread of Coronavirus. Keeping Railway hospitals in readiness to handle COVID-19 related cases is the top most priority for the Government. In this reference PPE is most important and essential safety equipment required for the personnel involved in treatment of COVID-19 patients. During discussions with PCMMs it has emerged that availability of PPEs in Indian market is very limited vis-à-vis requirement at national level and therefore difficulties are being faced by them in arranging this item.
2. To manage the situation, it has been decided, wherever possible, to manufacture some of the items of PPE in Railway workshops for which raw material needs to be provided. It has come out during discussions that raw material for such items of PPE are available in Indian market. However, since the capacity of workshops to manufacture is limited, small quantities shall be required by each workshop/Railway which is expected to be a bottleneck in procuring the quantities individually by each workshop/Railway.
3. Therefore, it has been decided that:
 - i. The raw material for PPE(Non-woven cloth and Tape) shall be a stock item on Northern Railway.
 - ii. Northern Railway shall centrally procure these raw materials required for manufacturing of items equivalent to 30,000 PPEs.
4. This is issued with approval of Railway Board (MMM).


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