

Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No.75/RS(G)779/30 Pt.II

New Delhi, Dated 17.01.95.

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways & Production Units

Sub: Procurement of Quality Spares.

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The question regarding ensuring quality and reliability of items procured for the maintenance and production of rolling stock, electrical and signalling equipment and such of the machinery and plant which are considered vital from the angle of safety and reliability etc., has remained under consideration of the Board all along. Instructions have been issued from time to time to procure such items from the approved suppliers through limited tenders even by dispensing with the mode of advertised tenders. However, during the discussions in various fora and the meetings held in Railway Board, it had been represented that process of obtaining approvals was time consuming as each case was required to be processed for GM's approval under Stores Code Para 331-S and hence any advantage accruing in this respect gets lost in the whole process.

2. After detailed examination of the matter the Board have decided in partial relaxation to the provisions under para 311-S as follows:

- i) A Committee consisting of COS, FA&CAC(Coord) & PHOD of the concerned department such as GME/CET/OSTE etc., will draw out lists of items of critical nature, where quality is of paramount importance and also the names of firms considered fit for supply of these items in acceptable quality. Such lists will be drawn for various groups of items and the short listed firms for various items under each group. Care, may, however, be taken to see that the firms manufacturing products of acceptable quality only are included in the list. The procurement of these items will then be made only through limited tenders from the firms shortlisted by the Committee.
- ii) The recommendations of the Committee for limiting procurement of such critical items will then be put up for personal approval of GM of the Zonal Railways/Production Units for one time approval for fulfilment of provision under Para 331-S of Stores Code instead of approval on case by case basis.

2. Once the lists have been so approved, the procurement during validity of this list would be through limited tenders only from shortlisted firms. However, wherever the Committee

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considers necessary developmental orders can be placed to develop new sources whose products should be thoroughly tested before additions/deletions to the list are made.

3. This system is approved by the Board on experimental basis for a period of 2 years to begin with. Its continuance will be considered after evaluation of the results on expiry of two years period.

4. The existing delegation in respect of restrictive procurement through RDSO approved sources in respect of items specified as such would however continue.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Railway Board.

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