

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 73/RS(G)/779/30 Pt.II

New Delhi, dt: 26-10-95.

The Controller of Stores,  
All Indian Railways &  
Production Units.

Sub:- Procurement of Quality Spares.

Ref:- Board's letter No. 73/RS(G)/779/30 Pt.II  
dt. 17.1.95 and M.M's D.O. dt. 3.8.95.

Board vide its above referred letters had issued instructions that a Committee consisting of COS, FA&CAO (Coord) & PHOD be set up to draw out a list of items of critical nature and also the names of such reliable firms considered fit for supply, with a view to ensure quality and reliability of items procured for the maintenance and production of rolling stock etc.

In this regard, MM had also addressed to the GMs to ensure that the exercise of preparing the lists be completed by 31.8.95. It is seen that some of the Rlys. are still in the process of preparation of such list and therefore, there is an urgent need to expedite so that the procurement could be limited to approved quality vendors.

Recently, Board(FC) in his address to the Accounts Officers on his visit to Southern Railway on 23.9.95 has minuted as follows in the inspection note:-

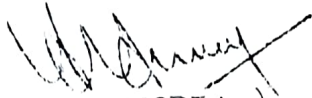
"In regard to the tendency to go in for lowest tender in every case, Finance Officers were told to play a more progressive role. It is in this context that the concept of life cycle cost is relevant. The practice of having approved vendors for selected items and limiting procurement only from them at least for crucial maintenance spares should be used more frequently".

In view of above, an urgent action is required to give shape to procurement through limited tenders from

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reliable firms so short listed by the Committee in line with the instructions issued vide Board's above referred letter.

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

  
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Railway Board.

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Copy to:- FA&CAOs, All Indian Railways & Production  
Units for information and necessary action.

Director Fin.(Stores)-I  
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