GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 2024/TK-II/22/7/2

New Delhi, dt. 12.06.2024

Principal Chief Engineer, All Indian Railways.

Sub: Third Party Inspection of Elastic Rail Clips (ERCs)

Stores Dirtectorate of Railway Board vide letter No. 2022/RS(G)/779/8 dated 04.01.2023 has issued detailed instructions/guidelines regarding the engagement of Third Party Inspection Agencies for Product Inspection for all items being procured by Railway Board, Zonal Railways, PU, other entities etc. Western Railway has been nominated as Nodal Agency for dealing with all issues related to contract management and performance management of TPI Agencies.

In this regard, Zonal Railways are advised to go for regular inspection of ERC(all types) by TPI agencies finalized by Stores Department of Western Railways in terms of Rly Board's aforesaid letter dtd. 04.01.2023. The ADENs carrying out inspection of ERCs may be suitably redeployed for important infrastructure and safety related works. However, initial development inspection of ERCs(all types) shall continue to be carried out by RDSO as per extant procedure.

This issues with the approval of Board(M/Infra).

(Rajiv Kumar Tanwar) Director/Track(M) Railway Board

Copy to: (i)PED/RS(S) for kind information and necessary action please.

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