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28. (a) To the grant of rewards in excess of ₹5000/- in each case.
(b) To the grant of rewards in excess of ₹15000/- in each case to the persons who have done exemplary work to avert accidents and saved passenger's life.

Note : The powers indicated in item No.28 (b) above may be re-delegated to DRM's upto ₹2500/- in each case.

(Authority : Board's letter No.F(X)II-2008/PW/6 dt.16.1.2009)

29. (a) To the incurrence of expenditure on each ceremonial occasion in excess of ₹25,000/-.
(b) To the incurrence of expenditure on important functions which are attended by President/Prime Minister/Minister of Railways in excess of ₹5 lac in each case.

Note : (i) The powers under item 29 will be exercised by the General Manager subject to an annual ceiling of ₹10 lac for Production Units and ₹20 lac for Zonal Railways.
(ii) The powers under item 29(a) will cover the expenditure on Railway week celebration also, the limit for which will be ₹25,000/- for a Zonal Railway/Production Unit as a whole.

(Authority : Board's letters No.F(X)II-2004/Exp./6 dated 9.5.2005)

30.(a) To the incurrence of expenditure in engaging/obtaining consultancy services from outside bodies in excess of ₹25 lac in each case or in excess of ₹1.5 Cr. in a year.

(b) To the incurrence of expenditure in engaging/obtaining consultancy services connected with property development schemes, i.e. for commercial exploitation only, from outside bodies in excess of ₹50 lac in each case or in excess of ₹2.5 Cr. in a year for Zonal Railways, Production Units and RDSO.

Note :
i) These powers will be personally exercised by the General Manager, and will not be re-delegated further. It may be ensured that no contracts are awarded by the Railways for activities which can be carried out in house.
ii) Details of consultancy Contracts awarded by each Zonal Railways for commercial exploitation should be endorsed to all other General Managers for information to avoid duplication.
iii) The General Managers will evolve, in consultation with FA&CAO, a suitable mechanism to ensure that the limits laid down herein are not exceeded under any circumstances.
iv) For consultancy contracts, the minimum level of tender committee shall be SAG.
v) All cases decided by the Zonal Railways should be reported to Board through the PCDOs to CRB and FC, to enable assessment of the exercise of these powers.
vi) The agency/consultant is renowned/Government approved and has sufficient experience in the relevant field.
vii) Notwithstanding the provisions of note i) above, PCE/CE (Co-ordination) of the Zonal Railways can award consultancy contract upto a limit of ₹5 lac per case with the annual ceiling limit of ₹10 lac. These powers will be exercised by PCE/CE (Co-ordination) with the personal concurrence of FA&CAO/ FA&CAO (C).

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(Authority : Board's letter No.F(X)II-2006/PW/3 dt.27.2.2006).

viii) These powers can be delegated to DRMs also upto ₹50,000/- per case subject to annual ceiling of ₹1 lac. These powers will be exercised by DRMs in consultation with associate finance. In the tender committee, JAG/SG level officers may be nominated. In cases where JAG/SG level officers are not available from finance side in the Division, DFM may be nominated as Finance Member of the tender committee.

(Authority : Board's letter No.F(X)II-2006/PW/3 dt.16.5.2006 & F(X)II-2006/PW/13 dt.9.8.2006).

ix) **Powers of CAO/C to award consultancy contracts:**

CAO/Cs can award consultancy contracts upto a limit of ₹25 lac per case with the annual ceiling limit of ₹1.5 Cr. with the personal concurrence of FA&CAO/FA&CAO(C). **These powers of CAOs will be in addition to and separate from the powers delegated to General Managers.** Also, the level of Tender Committee shall be SAG. However, if the consultancy contracts is to be fixed only on a single tender basis due to special circumstances, GM's personal approval would be required irrespective of the value of the contract.

(Authority : Board's letter No.F(X)II-2006/PW/3 dt.27.2.2006 read with letter No. F(X)II-2006/PW/17 dt.18.10.2006).

31. (a) To the filing or defending of an appeal in the Supreme Court.
(b) To the engagement of a Railway Counsel on scale of fees higher than that prescribed by Ministry of Law and Justice;
(c) To the engagement of counsel at more than ₹1,050/- per day in Supreme Court or in any of the High Courts or at more than ₹750/- per day elsewhere;
(d) To payment of fees in excess of scales of fees fixed by the High Courts concerned.

32. To the grant of allowances or fees to private persons or donations to private bodies including Railway Institutes, Hospitals and Schools, an excess of the scales or maximum limits laid down by the Railway Board.

33. (a) To the payment of arbitration fees to private persons in excess of ₹25,000/- in each case.

Note : i) The circumstances under which such appointment of private persons has been made, should, however, be brought to the notice of the Board.

ii) This will not apply to payment of fees to arbitrators appointed by Court, for which full powers will be exercised by GMs.

(b) To the payment of arbitration fees to retired Railway Officers in excess of ₹75,000/- per case.
(c) To the payment of contribution/subscription to a medical institution, if medical aid is rendered by such institution to Railway employees, in excess of ₹1,000/- per annum.

(d) To the payment of contribution or subscription to a professional institution in excess of ₹10,000/- per annum in each case.