भारत सरकार **BHARAT SARKAR**
रेल मंत्रालय **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
रेलवे बोर्ड **RAILWAY BOARD**

No: 2000/RS(G)/379/2 New Delhi, dated : 28-04-2016

The Director General,
R.D.S.O,
LUCKNOW

Sub: Testing of sample.
Ref: RDSO Apex Doc no. QOD.7.1.11 version 8.0 w.e.f.(01.08.2014), section 4.3 (para 'b' & 'd') for testing of sample.

1. It has come to the knowledge of the Board that the method of testing of sample drawn from field by RDSO incorporates joint testing of sample along with the vendor's representative.

It has been observed by Vigilance Directorate that this practice of joint testing for picking of sample sand testing of samples with vendor's representative is not conducive for neutrality of testing.

1.1 Accordingly, the process followed in testing of samples (collected from field) as in vogue in BIS was perused.

2. It has thereafter been decided that the following protocol will be observed in cases

(a) where the sample drawn from the field (on account of vendor's poor performance) are to be sent for testing

or

(b) if the samples drawn from field on random basis are to be sent for test for quality check.

2.1 Testing of sample:

(a) The sample will be sent for testing to an independent lab which will be either a government lab or NABL accredited lab. However, the independent lab will not be the lab where the item was earlier inspected nor will it be a lab under the control of vendor/Railways. It will be tested by the independent lab and the test report sent directly by the lab to the Railway unit for further action. In order to ensure neutrality of testing, the process of testing in the independent lab will not be done in the presence of vendor/railway representative.

(b) In case the test cannot be done in an government lab or in an NABL accredited lab, it can be done at an independent 3rd party lab. In order to ensure neutrality of testing, the process of testing in the independent lab will not be done in the presence of vendor/railway representative.

(c) In case when the nature of testing is such that even an independent 3rd party lab is not available, then the testing can be done in the lab at the vendor or Railway premises. In such a case, the testing will be jointly done in the presence of vendor and Railway representative.

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2.2 In case RDSO follows a different regimen from above it will modify its internal instructions on testing protocol so as to make the same in line with above instructions.

3. It is clarified that the above protocol is to be followed for testing of material which are already supplied by vendor and not at the initial inspection stage. The modality of testing at the initial inspection stage (whether at firm's premises or at railway premises or in an outside lab) are to be governed by the relevant conditions of contract.

This is issued with the approval of Board (MM).

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