GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2007/CE-I/CT/1 New Delhi, 31.8.2007

As per Mailing List 'A' attached.-

Subject:- Enhancement of tender value – delegation of powers of NS items.

Reference:- Board's letter No. 94/CE-I/CT/37 dated 5.5.1995.

Board have been considering for some time to delegate some powers to the railways for introducing non-standard items in works contracts without finance concurrence. It has now been decided that in works contracts if due to unavoidable and inescapable reasons, introduction of a new NS item is considered necessary, the same can be done without finance concurrence subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 5 lakh in a contract (or) 10% of original value of the contract whichever is less. This power shall be exercised by SG/JAG level officer upto a value of Rs. 50,000 in a contract and by SAG level officer upto a value of Rs. 5 lakh in a contract.

2. Rates of such NS items accepted without finance concurrence cannot be quoted as Last Accepted Rate (LAR) for justifying similar rates in future tenders. Only rates obtained through competitive tender process can be adopted as LAR.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the finance directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

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