GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2007/CE-I/CT/2 New Delhi, dated 10.12.2007

As per List 'A' attached.

Sub : Irregularities in contract agreements.

It has come to the notice of the Board that on certain Divisions/Railways, the contract agreement papers are not properly page numbered and sealed which can lead to removal or insertion of any paper in the document.

A serious view of the lapse has been taken. The contract agreements and the papers should be properly page numbered and sealed so that no alterations are possible, later on.

In this regard, instructions of CVC were circulated earlier also through Railway Board Vigilance Circular No. RBV-2/2004, dated 05.03.04, which inter-alia stipulated that:

"The tender documents and the agreements are maintained in loose condition, are not page numbered and not signed by both the parties. This is highly objectionable. In order to ensure that agreements are enforceable in court of law, it is imperative that the agreements are well bound, page numbered, signed by both the parties and well secured. This shall prevent any possibility of interpolation and tampering of the documents".

Attention is also invited to Board's letter No.93/CE-I/CT/11 dated 04.05.93 where instructions were issued for tender papers to be properly page numbered and sealed.

Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

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