GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/भारत सरकार

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय

(RAILWAY BOARD/रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 2018/H/4/1/DP/Misc

New Delhi, Dated 29.10.2020

General Manager(s),
All Indian Railways,
Including all PUs, RDSO and NAIR.

Sub:-Issuance of tender enquiries for purchase of drugs/pharma products-reg.
Ref:- This office letter of even No. dated 21.10.2019 and letter No. 2006/H/4/1 dated 19.06.2008.

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In the year 2008 when Drug Procurement Policy -2008 was issued, a policy decision was conveyed vide letter No. 2006/H/4/1 dated 19.06.2008 mentioning therein certain procedure regarding procurement of drugs/ pharmaceutical products. Further, in the Policy of 2008 the registration of the firms was on Zonal basis and all the registered firms were not for every Zones.

However, the above policy was superseded by Drug Procurement Policy of 2014. In the Policy of 2014 registration of firms has been centralized at Board's level and all those firms whose proposals are sent to Board and the firms that fulfill the laid down criteria, are registered at Board's level and their product list is placed on Railway Board's website.

Arising out of a refernce, it was decided and zones advised vide letter of even No. dated 21.10.2019 that every tender for procurement of drug/ pharmaceutical products should be sent to all the registered firms whether they manufacture the tendered product or otherwise. Thus, the provision contained in Board's letter of 2008 {cited in Para (i) above} stands superseded.

However, one of the zones has stated that they are not sending tender inquires to all the firms on the basis of Health Directorate's Policy guideline of 2008 which has already been superseded.

In view of above, it is reiterated that the zones/PUs must ensure compliance of this office letter dated 21.09.2019 and send all the tender inquires to all the registered firms as decided.

This has the approval of Director General (RHS).

(R.S.Shukla/आर.एस. शुक्ल) 29/10/2020

Director, Health/निदेशक, स्वा.

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