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Dated: 09.09.2021

Sr. Dy. General Manager,
S.E.Railway, GRC.

Sub: Revision of old SOR - System improvement.

Ref: Your Lr.No.G.130/PC/2013/09/0116/V5/N/CKP/936
dated 30.08.2021.

In reference to above, it is to inform that in consultation with the PFA & CAO, a JA grade Committee has already been constituted on 19.03.2021 for preparation of SOR for signalling and Telecommunication works vide e-office file No. SER-HQOSNTC/7/2021 - O/o Dy.CSTE/ CON/KGP/SER (Computer No.53054) with time line to complete in 60 days. The committee is being persuaded for early finalization.

This is for information please.



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Dated-30-08-2021

**PCSTE,
S.E. Railway,
Garden Reach**

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A Vigilance investigation was conducted on the procurement of Universal Axle Counter – 4D Type done by SER through Stores contract and Works contract. The issue in question was the exorbitant price gap of the item procured through both the modes of procurement. In this regard two works contract of CKP Division were compared where Universal Axle Counter 4-D type were procured at higher rate in comparison to stores purchase of the same item from a RDSO Part-I supplier.

The Works contract mentioned above were for *Provision of Central panel with Electronic Interlocking at Noamundi Yard and for provision of panel interlocking at Bondamunda L&N (Combined) cabins & Bondamunda M Cabin of CKP Division* pertaining to the year 2008 and 2009. In both the works contracts, supply of signaling items (Schedule-B) constituted a part of the contract and supply of 74 different items was part of Schedule-B, of which Universal Axle Counter 4-D type was an item.

Although no irregularity was detected against any Railway official, the investigation was concluded by suggesting a system improvement. It was emphasized that procurement of high value S&T materials like Cable, IPS and battery mandates that such material should only be procured through Stores. In line with this, it was also advised to procure materials like relays of all types of data logger, axle counter, MSDAC, SSDAC, BPAC Panel & UFSBI through Stores department only for which Railway Board may be approached. However, in case of urgency or due to change in requirements/design, the same material can be procured through Works tender provided – (a) prior approval of PCSTE/CAO(Con), as the case may be, is obtained, (b) Same inspection authority as in Stores tender may be adhered to, (c) the above materials may be placed in a separate schedule in the Works tender so that discussion/negotiation on high value materials can be undertaken separately without affecting the other supply material, (d) departmental value may be arrived based on the average value of last three accepted rate of Stores tender and deletion of premium for this schedule only.

2. In the instant case, PHOD comments was sought before sending the case to Railway Board wherein the then PCSTE had inter alia observed (dated: 11-6-18) as follows:-

"Although there were some steps taken for making SOR updated, it has been observed that from zone to zone some deviation exists and till today no finalized SOR has been published from S&T Directorate. This railway is also taking up this project, i.e. finalising the SOR to avoid this rate problem and also trying to get this done at the earliest.

However, the Premium system which was followed earlier has been progressively phased out and the system in vogue in Engineering department is being followed, i.e. average of 3 LARs included in RBI index."


As hinted by PCSTE in his comments, Railway Board has advised to revise the old SOR on priority basis and has desired to know the progress of the same in SER.

In this context, your attention is drawn to the system improvement in Works contract for commissioning of Electronic Interlocking (EI) System issued by Executive Director (Signal)/Railway Board vide letter no. 2013/Sig/01(pt) Dup dt. 19-11-2020 (copy enclosed). It may also be noted that three zonal Railways (NWR, SECR, CR) have already updated their old SORs for S&T Works vide letter numbers given below (copies enclosed) :-

- a) CSTE/Planning/NWR's letter no. SG/SOR/S&T/NWR dt. 04-9-20,
- b) CSE/SECR's letter no. SECR/S&T/WC dt. 18-01-2021,
- c) Dy.CSTE (HQ)/CR's letter no. N.659/WM/CC/SOR/2021 dt. 05-01-21

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the progress of revision of old SOR in SER expeditiously.

Encl: As above


30.08.2021
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