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(सतर्कता विभाग VIGILANCE DEPARTMENT)

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To,
The Principal Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer
East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Advisory to eliminate irregularities in S&T Zonal Contracts over East Coast Railway.


In many preventive checks in connection with Zonal Contracts over the East Coast Railway, the following common irregularities are found.

1. After 12 months of completion period either no work / a little work has been done by the zonal contractors. Further, recording of measurement book for completed work orders (MB) are unduly delayed by Senior Section Engineers.
2. Zonal contracts have been awarded without taking requirements and justifications from field officials leading to negative variation in large quantity. It violates canons of financial propriety.
3. The purpose of Zonal contract is to give maintenance assistance due to shortage of staff in open line but not for material procurement. It is observed that zonal contract is being used for procurement of Signal/Telecom materials. Materials can be procured through stores department in an economical and efficient way.
4. Many number of 'Work orders' are issued without completion and accumulated. Delayed payments are done without material statement and variation statement violating Annexure-II & III of GCC July-2020 and Payment clause in Special condition of contract Part-II.

As a precautionary measure the following 'System improvement' is suggested.

- a. After award of zonal contract it should be monitored properly for progress of the work. MB should be recorded promptly and bills passed accordingly as per time line for passing of contractual bills issued by HQ on 27.11.2017.
- b. Zonal Works to be processed in the division office after assessing requirements with proper justifications from field official.
- c. Material component should be bare minimum. Only very essential and low value items/petty items are to be included.
- d. Each zonal work order bill shall be treated as On-account and Final bill, shall be passed along with material statement and variation statement. Accumulation of work orders shall be avoided.

It is requested, all Sr.DSTEs may be advised to follow the advisory and action taken in this regard may be intimated to this office for necessary closure of the cases.


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