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To
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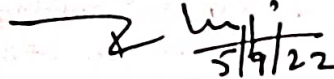
Sub:Advisory in connection with verification of credential submitted by the participant tenderers in tenders.

In the recent past there has been a case of banning of business with a contractor done in East Coast Railways on the ground of forged credential submitted along with his offer in a tender invited by a division. The forgery could be detected only because the tender calling authority sent the credential of the tenderer for verification to the credential issuing authority even though the participating tenderer submitted the self-affidavit about the genuineness of his credential as per extant guidelines. It was possible only because verification was adopted by the executive in suspicion/ system of practice in some division.

In tenders finalized in various divisions in the East Coast Railways, it is observed that tender members have finalized various tenders based on the Self Affidavit declaration of the tenderers but have not sent any credential subsequently for verification, post awarding the tender. Thus, the stage seems to be incomplete as in such cases detecting of forgery/ false declaration remains unidentified. Thus, *Safeguarding the executives from any stage of legal litigation later & protecting the interest of Railways, it is advisable that the Tender members should be advised to send the credential certificates to the credential issuer for verification, even if tender is awarded on the basis of Self affidavit declaration, immaterial of the same being confirmed & returned by the issuing authority. This will help & eliminate the responsibility of the executive in full completion of tendering process.*

Further, it is observed that in deliberations of the eligibility criteria in the TC minutes, the basis of deciding the criteria is not mentioned as "*based on self-affidavit submitted by the tenderer*" thus concluding that the TC members own the responsibility of the verification. Thus, it is preferable that in the discussion of the eligibility (technical & financial), the tender members may mention the following "*based on self-affidavit submitted by the tenderer, the above credentials are considered for discussion & satisfying requisite laid down criteria of NIT in their TC minutes while finalizing the tenders as per certificate submitted by the tenderer before putting up to TAA*". The above can be an additional practice acting as safety valve for the tender members in accordance to Para 3.2(a) of RB letter No.2017/ Trans/01/Policy dated 08.02.2018.

This is issued with the approval of SDGM.


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