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EAST COAST RAILWAY (VIGILANCE DEPARTMENT)

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The Principal Chief Engineer, The Chief Administrative Officer (Con) ECoR, Bhubaneswar.

*Sub: System improvement to avoid duplicity in payments of P.Way works in items of USSOR-21.

During Preventive Check of estimates of some P.Way works of a Division, it was detected that Item Number 061021(Removing of Rails, fastenings, fishplates and bolts, etc. for TRR work), 061031(Insertion of Rails, fastenings, fishplates and bolts, etc. for TRR work) of USSOR-21 was included in estimate for TRR(P) work. As per description of the above items, it involves Removal and Insertion of rails including fittings, fastening fish plates, fixing and bolting, etc.

It is noted that Item Number 063030(TFR GRSP, liners, ERC with greasing) and 063012(Fixing of Fishplate with bolts on a joint with lubrication of joint) of USSOR-21 are also included in the scope of estimate for the same quantity. In cases, where new fittings and fastenings are used with the new rails, if these items 063030 & 063012 are operated together with the items 061021 and 061031, it leads to duplicity in payments by field executives during execution of work.

In the estimate, Item No. 063012 overlaps partially with item 061031 and similarly item No. 063031 overlaps partially with item 061021 and 061030, except for cost of lubrication of fittings which is only Rs. 6 per sleeper. In an estimate, it is noted that for a track renewal of 4.3 Trkm, duplicity of Rs. 1.70 lakhs roughly would occur if wrongly interpreted by a field supervisor.

Thus, it is essential that the above issues resulting in duplicity of payment should be circulated to all the field staff down below to make them aware of the following:

A. If New Fittings and Fastenings are used, with New rails, then items 063030 and 063012 of USSOR-21 should not be paid in the work.

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B. In case New Fittings and Fastenings are not available during the Rail Renewal work then New rails are to be Renewed with Old fittings after taking Pre-certification at the level of AEN and intimated to sectional DEN/SrDEN in writing. The same should be recorded in the relevant registers prior to start of work. When new Fittings & Fastenings are made available, the same can be paid after renewal of the fittings as per items in the USSOR like 063030 or 063020 or 063040 or 063090 or 063012 as per actual executions of the work in field.

A random check on some of the USSOR-21 items of the estimate was conducted by vigilance. Similar overlapping items of USSOR-21 in all estimates may be identified and scrutinized at your end and if any deviations found, may be intimated to the field officials concerned for being cautious during payments. It should also be brought to the notice of this office. In future, during preparation of estimates, this aspect needs to be taken care of to avoid duplicity in payments.

This is issued with the approval of SDGM.

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Copy to: (9) Sr. DEN/Co-ord/KUR, WAT and SBP for information and necessary action.

