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रेल मंत्रालय (रेलवे बोर्ड)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)



No. 2022/RS(G)/779/8/Pt.I(E3424266)

New Delhi, dated: 15.03.2023

The General Managers, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(C), CORE  
DG/RDSO/Lucknow, NAIR/Vadodara,  
PCAO, DMW/Patiala, COFMOW  
CAO, WPO/Patna, RWP/ Bela.

**Sub:** Operationalization of Engagement of Third-Party Inspection (TPI) Agencies

**Ref:** (i) Railway Board letter No. No. 2022/RS(G)/779/8 dated 04.01.2023

(ii) Railway Board letter No. 99/RS(G)/709/1 Pt.1 dated 11.03.2005

1. A decision was taken by Board that Railway shall go for Third Party Inspection (TPI) for the purpose of inspection of goods and hire competent agencies for this purpose. It was also decided that concept of process inspection shall also be included in the contract with TPI Agencies. Board had nominated Western Railway for inviting bids and finalizing the TPI Agencies for the purpose of inspection of goods and process inspection for Indian Railways.

2. Western Railway has now finalized Engagement of the TPI Agencies for a period of 3 years. Contract has been signed with 4 (four) TPI Agencies for both product and process inspection. Policy guidelines for operationalization of engagement of Third-Party Inspection (TPI) Agencies have already been issued under Railway Board's letter No. 2022/RS(G)/779/8 dated 04.01.2023.

3. In this reference, It has been decided that:

*a. All inspection work (presently being done through RITES, RDSO, CLW etc), except those required to be done by the consignee, against the contracts being placed for material that can be covered under the scope of the WR contract on TPI Agencies (including those in foreign countries), shall be done through these empanelled inspection agencies after the commencement of the contracts of these TPI agencies. Till then the existing arrangement in respect of allotment of works (order distribution) to various agencies (i.e. RITES, RDSO, CLW) shall continue.*

- b. All specification framing agencies and user departments shall provide detailed specifications, drawings, STR, QAP, Inspection & Test Plan, other instructions for inspections as required for carrying out the inspection diligently as per purchase order to the empanelled agencies for each item being procured so as to ensure that the empanelled TPI Agencies are able to execute the inspection as per our requirement.
- c. DRDO inspection is done for the bacteria for Vacuum toilet system which is a specialized inspection, the same shall continue
- d. In case of mandatory requirement of Type test/Prototype test (not the advance samples), the same may be done by the concerned authority for such Type test/Prototype test. All routine inspections shall be carried out by TPI Agencies in accordance with the circular dated 04.01.2023 referred above.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority

  
15/03/23  
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Railway Board

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