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(रेलवे बोर्ड / Railway Board)

No. 2022/CE-I/CT/GCC-2022/POLICY **New Delhi, Dated 04.03.2025**

To,
As per list attached.

Sub: Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract, April 2022 (*Advance Correction Slip No. 10*)

Please find enclosed herewith **Advance Correction Slip No.10** to Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract, April-2022.

2. This shall be applicable to Works Contract of Indian Railways with prospective effect.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate and approval of Board (MI, MF).

DA: As above.

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(ii) Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

For **Member Finance**

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6. General Secretary, AIRPA, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
7. General Secretary, AISC & STREA, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
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Advance Correction Slip No.10 to Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract, April 2022

New Clause 64.(1)(i)(a), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(1)(i)(a): In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto as to the construction or operation of this contract, or the respective rights and liabilities of the parties on any matter in question, dispute or difference on any account or as to the withholding by the Railway of any certificate to which the Contractor may claim to be entitled to, or if the Railway fails to make a decision within 120 days, then and in any such case, but except in any of the "excepted matters" referred to in Clause 63.1 of these Conditions, the Contractor, after 120 days but within 180 days of his presenting his final claim on disputed matters shall demand in writing that the dispute or difference be referred to arbitration.

New Clause 64.(1)(i)(b), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(1)(i)(b): Arbitration as a method of dispute resolution should not be routinely or automatically included in procurement contracts/tenders, especially in large contracts.

New Clause 64.(1)(i)(c), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(1)(i)(c): As a norm, arbitration as a method of dispute resolution may be restricted to disputes with a value less than Rs. 10 crore. This figure is with reference to the value of the dispute (not the value of the contract, which may be much higher).

New Clause 64.(1)(i)(d), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(1)(i)(d): Inclusion of arbitration clauses covering disputes with a value exceeding Rs. 10 crore, should be based on careful application of mind and recording of reasons and with the approval of an officer not below the rank of Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) or the Accepting Authority of the tender whichever is higher.

Clause 64.(3)(a), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(3)(a): The Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of a panel of three arbitrators. General Manager/Additional General Manager will appoint two arbitrators, one railway nominee and other from among the contractor's nominee. Contractor can recommend his nominee either from approved panel of Railways or from approved panel of Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) within 30 days from the date of dispatch of approval of written and valid acceptance of demand for arbitration by the General Manager/Additional General Manager.

64.(3)(a)(i): If contractor wants to choose his nominee from Railway panel, the Railway will send a panel of at least four (4) names of retired Railway Officers empanelled to work as Arbitrator within 30 days from the day when a written and valid demand for arbitration is

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received by the General Manager/Additional General Manager. Contractor will be asked to suggest to General Manager/Additional General Manager at least 2 names out of the panel for appointment as Contractor's nominee within 30 days from the date of dispatch of the request by Railway. The General Manager/Additional General Manager shall appoint at least one out of them as the Contractor's nominee within 30 days from the receipt of the names of Contractor's nominees. The railway panel shall be provided free of cost to the contractor.

64.(3)(a)(ii): If contractor wants to choose his nominee from Indian Council of Arbitration panel, Contractor will send at least 2 names of Arbitrators from the ICA panel for appointment as Contractor's nominee within 30 days from the date of dispatch of the request by Railway. The General Manager/Additional General Manager shall appoint at least one out of them as the Contractor's nominee within 30 days from the receipt of the names of Contractor's nominees. Nomination and appointment of arbitrators from ICA panel shall be as per the ICA Rules for Domestic Commercial Arbitration and amended from time to time.

Some general guidelines of ICA Rules for Domestic Commercial Arbitration are as under:-

i. Contractor may access the ICA's panel of arbitration through ICA's official webpage: https://icaindia.co.in/pdf/Engineers.pdf.
ii. A formal request for nomination shall be submitted to ICA, accompanied by:-
    a. A brief Statement of Claim outlining the nature and quantum of the disputes.
    b. A copy of the relevant contract and any supporting documents.
    c. A copy of the notice intimating the other party of the initiation of arbitration proceedings, with proof of delivery (if any).
iii. Ad-hoc appointment fees for the nomination and appointment of arbitrators shall be as per the ICA Rules for Domestic Commercial Arbitration and revised from time to time and shall be submitted along with the request.

Clause 64.(3)(b), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(3)(b): Two selected arbitrators are free to select presiding arbitrator (3rd arbitrator) within thirty (30) days from the date of their appointment. The presiding arbitrator may be selected from approved panel of Railways or approved panel of Indian Council of Arbitration (as per mutual agreement), which will be approved by General Manager/Additional General Manager. General Manager/Additional General Manager shall complete this exercise of appointing the Arbitral Tribunal within 30 days from the receipt of the names of all the three arbitrators.

Clause 64.(3)(c)(i), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(3)(c)(i): If one or more of the arbitrators appointed as above refuses to act as arbitrator, withdraws from his office as arbitrator, or vacates his/their office/offices or is/are unable or unwilling to perform his functions as arbitrator for any reason whatsoever or dies or in the opinion of the General Manager/Additional General Manager fails to act without undue delay, the General Manager/Additional General Manager shall appoint new arbitrator/arbitrators to act in his/their place in the same manner in which the earlier arbitrator/arbitrators had been

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appointed. Such re-constituted Tribunal may, at its discretion, proceed with the reference from the stage at which it was left by the previous arbitrator (s).

Clause 64.(3)(c)(iii), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.3(c)(iii): (i) Qualification of Railway Empanelled Arbitrator (s):

(a) Retired Railway Officers not below SA Grade level, one year after his date of retirement.

(b) Age of arbitrator at the time of appointment shall be below 70 years.

(c) Persons not involved in any current vigilance/CBI cases or against whom disciplinary or prosecution proceedings are not in process.

(d) Persons who had not been imposed a major penalty or two or more minor penalties or against whom administrative action has not been taken three times or more or

(e) Persons who have not been imposed one minor Penalty and against whom two administrative actions have not been taken as a result of vigilance/CBI action while in service on Railways.

(ii) An arbitrator may be appointed notwithstanding the total number of arbitration cases in which he has been appointed in the past.

(iii) While appointing arbitrator(s) under Sub-Clause 64.(3)(a), 64.(3)(a)(i), 64.(3)(a)(ii) & 64.(3)(b) above, due care shall be taken that he/they is/are not the one/those who had an opportunity to deal with the matters to which the contract relates or who in the course of his/their duties as Railway servant(s) expressed views on all or any of the matters under dispute or differences. A certification to this effect as per annexure- XVI shall be taken from Arbitrators also. The proceedings of the Arbitral tribunal or the award made by such Tribunal will, however, not be invalid merely for the reason that one or more arbitrator had, in the course of his service, opportunity to deal with the matters to which the contract relates or who in the course of his/their duties expressed views on all or any of the matters under dispute.

Clause 64.(4), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(4): Any ruling on award shall be made by a majority of members of Tribunal. In the absence of such a majority, the views of the Presiding Arbitrator shall prevail.

Clause 64.(6), Part-II of GCC shall be read as under:-

64.(6): The cost of arbitration shall be borne by the respective parties. If all the three arbitrators are selected from the Railway Panel, the fee of the arbitrators shall be determined as per the rates fixed/revised by Railway Board from time to time and the fee shall be borne equally by both the parties, provided parties sign an agreement in the format given at Annexure XV to these conditions after/ while referring these disputes to Arbitration. However, if any of the three arbitrators is selected from the Panel of Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA), the fee of the arbitrators shall be determined as per the rates fixed/revised by the Indian Council of Arbitration

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from time to time and the fee shall be borne equally by both the parties, provided parties sign an agreement in the format given at Annexure XV to these conditions after/ while referring these disputes to Arbitration.

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