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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. Track/21/2004/0902/7Pt.

New Delhi, dated 08.02.12.

General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Report by Committee of Directors on "outsourcing of USFD testing of Rails".

A Committee of three Directors OF Railway Board i.e (Director/Track(P), Director/F(X)II & Director/Safety(I)) was nominated by Board to suggest a policy document in order to give uniform guidelines for outsourcing of USFD testing of rails. Recommendations of the committee duly vetted by Boards Finance and approved by Board (ME), are being circulated for necessary action by the Railways:-

1. For USFD testing of rails, emphasis of Railway should be, to first fill up the vacancies in USFD cadre and procure digital machines, keeping in view next three years requirement so that maximum quantity of USFD testing is done departmentally and quantity of outsourcing can be minimized. But as USFD testing of rails/welds is a safety item no backlog in USFD testing can be permitted.
2. USFD Testing of rails as well as welds can be outsourced to ensure no shortfall in USFD testing in view of safety involved.
3. Decision of outsourcing of USFD testing for rails and welds with the concurrence of associate finance of the zonal railway may be taken at the level of zonal railways upto 50 % of total annual workload with the approval of PCE and more than 50 % of total annual work load with the approval of GM after analyzing in details total work load and in house infrastructure available with the Railway.
4. For outsourcing of USFD testing, tenders for preferably 2-3 years should be invited keeping in view local site and working conditions. Special conditions of contracts already circulated to zonal railways by Railway Board vide this office letter no. Track/21/2004/0902/7 dated 02.02.2006 with latest amendments should be uniformly followed by all the zonal railways.


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