

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Office of the
Principal Chief Materials Manager
Hajipur, Bihar, 844101

Stores Instruction No: 138 dated 01.05.2025

**All Stores Officers,
E. C. Railway**

Sub: Procurement of C2 category items with enhanced buffer stock
Ref: i) Stores Instruction No: 116 dated 18.03.2024
ii) PCMM/ECR/HJP's L/No: ECR-HQ0STR(ICIT)/0001/2024 dated 09.12.2024

Vide letter under ref (ii), a proposal was sent by ECR to Railway Board to increase the consumption limit of C2 category items upto Rs 2 Lakh per year and accordingly, recently consumption limit of C2 category items have been updated in IMMIS. With a view towards increasing the availability of items and to get better/competitive offers for tenders of low value items, following instruction regarding procurement of C2 category items with enhanced buffer stock is being issued:

1. In partial modification of Stores Instruction No: 116 dated 18.03.2024, buffer period of C2 category shall be **12 Months**.
2. However, this enhanced buffer period shall not be applicable in the following cases:
 - i) If item is exclusively used in diesel locomotives (i.e. PL Group 10-19)
 - ii) If item is exclusively used in ICF coaches (i.e. PL Group 30)
 - iii) If item is exclusively used in DEMU trains
 - iv) If item is a shelf-life item
 - v) If AAC value calculated as per Stores Instruction No: 136 dated 22.04.2025 is more than Rs 2 Lakh on overall basis.

For these cases, buffer period shall be as per Stores Instruction No: 116.

3. Stock demand shall be submitted by depots as per this enhanced buffer period subject to the exceptions mentioned in Para (2) above.
4. NPQ shall be calculated as per Stores Instruction No: 136 dated 22.04.2025.
5. Procurement shall be skipped for items having adequacy (i.e. depot stock + UDM stock + effective covered dues) more than 18 months over the **Calculated AAC** (as per Stores

Instruction No: 136). All Demands for such items shall be dropped and regular procurement shall be done in the next cycle.

This is issued with the approval of PCMM/ECR/HJP.

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