

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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

Stores Instruction No: 152 dated 01.04.2026

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

Sub: Inspection of materials

Ref: i) Minutes of PLSC Meeting dated 11.04.2023

ii) Railway Board's L/No: 2025/RS(IC)/165/2 dated 20.11.2025

iii) Railway Board's L/No: 2024/RS(G)/164/Vig/11 dated 11.07.2024

iv) Railway Board's L/No: 99/RS(G)/709/4 dated 05.11.2015

Previously, many safety items used to be procured from unapproved vendors. Therefore, in order to ensure quality in case of safety items, it was decided in PLSC Meeting dated 11.04.2023 (Para 9.2.4 of ref (i)) that all safety items shall be inspected by RITES/TPI irrespective of the order value.

Railway Board vide letter under ref (ii) has revised the definition of safety items. Now, all items appearing in UVAM are categorized as safety items. Since, safety items are now to be procured only from approved vendors appearing in UVAM, their quality can be ensured through the vendor approval process of centralized vendor approving agencies. Therefore, in order to increase the availability of safety items, the decision of mandatory TPI inspection of safety items below 5 Lakhs is hereby withdrawn with the approval of PCMM/ECR/HJP and with the consent of AGM/ECR/HJP and following comprehensive instruction is being issued:

1. All items (including safety items) with order value less than Rs 5 Lakh may be taken under consignee inspection by defining the same at the tender stage itself. However, if required, based on the merit of the case, submission of WTC/GC at the time of inspection and supply of material may be incorporated in the tender.
 - a. However, items that are known to be failure prone and quality sensitive, may be taken under TPI inspection irrespective of value (for both safety and non-safety items) by defining the same at the tender stage itself.
 - b. For few items (such as Fire Extinguisher, LED Signaling Lights, EPM etc.), Railway Board has specified RITES/RDSO as the inspecting agency irrespective of the value of the PO. The same may be followed for such items.
2. Items with order value more than Rs 5 Lakh may be accepted under TPI inspection only and visual inspection by TPI Agency or inspection against GC/TC or inspection by consignee

should be incorporated under extraordinary circumstances only as advised by Railway Board vide letter under ref (iii).

However, there are many items which are procured based on OEM's drawing or part number and for which railway's drawings are not available (eg: PAC items). Inspection by TPI Agency is not possible for such items due to non-availability of drawings and such items may be taken under inspection by TPI Agency/Consignee against OEM's GC/TC.

3. Railway Board vide letter under ref (iv) has advised that if an order is placed directly on an ISI certified/BIS approved manufacturer, material may be taken under consignee inspection against OEM's WTC irrespective of the value of the PO. However, even for such items, if there are quality concerns, based on the merit of the case, inspection by TPI Agency in the tender may be stipulated.
4. There should not be any change in inspection clause at the post-contract stage. Any change of inspection clause at the post-contract stage in exceptional cases shall require the approval of concerned CMM at HQ or CWM/ADRM at workshop/division.

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

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