

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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

Stores Instruction No: 157 dated 10.06.2026

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

Sub: Procurement policy for HRC Fuses, Contactors and MCBs– Ensuring procurement of genuine and quality-assured materials

At present, HRC Fuses, Contactors and MCBs are being procured as per the BOM list of Switch Board Cabinet circulated by RDSO vide L/No: EL/7.1.108/MSSBC dated 17.09.2021. In recent times, concerns have been raised at various forums, including the Safety Review Meeting chaired by the Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, regarding the supply of sub-standard and spurious materials in Indian Railways. The item is critical for fire prevention in coaches/installations. Instances have also been reported wherein firms had participated in tenders by submitting forged or fake authorization certificates and subsequently supplied non-genuine materials, thereby compromising safety, reliability and operational efficiency.

The matter has therefore been examined in detail with a view to ensuring procurement of genuine materials from reliable sources and safeguarding the quality and authenticity of supplies being made to East Central Railway. In view of the above, the following instructions shall be followed for procurement of HRC Fuse, Contactors and MCBs:

1. Procurement shall be made strictly as per the BOM list of Switch Board Cabinet circulated by RDSO vide L/No: EL/7.1.108/MSSBC dated 17.09.2021.
2. It has been experienced that normally OEMs do not directly participate in the tenders and many dealers have participated with fake authorization in the past. In order to avoid such instances, the panel of authorized dealers/agents of OEMs is to be prepared every 6 months (or earlier if considered necessary) with the approval of CMM based on direct pre-confirmations obtained from OEMs through e-mail/correspondences from time to time.
3. Limited Tenders for procurement of HRC Fuses, Contactors and MCBs shall be floated only to the OEMs and their pre-confined authorized dealers/agents approved as above. Tender notices shall invariably be issued to all eligible OEMs (registered on IREPS) and such pre confirmed and approved authorized dealers/agents corresponding to the makes approved in the RDSO BOM (refer RDSO L/No: EL/7.1.108/MSSBC dated 17.09.2021).
4. The existing eligibility condition regarding submission of tender-specific authorization certificate issued by the OEM shall continue to remain part of tender conditions. Participating firms must submit valid tender specific authorization along with the offer.

5. As far as practicable, inspection shall be carried out at the OEM's premises. Further, materials should preferably be dispatched directly from the OEM's premises to the consignee so as to maintain traceability and ensure authenticity of supplies.
6. A copy of every Purchase Order placed on an authorized dealer/agent shall be sent to the concerned OEM through registered post, e-mail or any other suitable mode of communication for their information that the item is being procured from their authorized dealer.
7. Purchase officials shall ensure strict compliance with these instructions to ensure procurement of genuine materials, maintenance of quality standards and prevention of supply of spurious/sub-standard items.
8. This order may be reviewed after one year or earlier if required.

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

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