EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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

Stores Instruction No: 158 dated 15.07.2026

All Stores Officers,
E. C. Railway

Sub: Procurement of protective gears for Trackmen/Workshops and other eligible staff
Ref: i) Railway Board's L/No: 2017/Transf. Cell/Civil/03 dated 05.02.2018
ii) Railway Board's L/No: 2018/TF Cell/S&T/S&T Uniform dated 05.03.2019
iii) Railway Board's L/No: 2023/TT-1/76/Misc/1 dated 17.05.2024
iv) Railway Board's L/No: 2024/RS (G)/709/21 dated 05.11.2024
v) This office's L/No: 302503 dated 26.05.2025
vi) AMRS's D.O. L/No: 2024/RS (G)/709/21 dated 09.06.2025
vii) Railway Board's L/No: 2023/TT/-1/76/Misc/1 dated 26.08.2025

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In supersession of earlier instructions issued vide this office's letter under ref (v) and in pursuance of Railway Board's extant directives issued vide letters under reference, following protective gears to be provided to Trackmen/Keymen/Patrolmen/Shuntman/Shunting Master/other eligible staff are to be procured in ECR by HQ/Depots/Divisions as indicated in the table below. Sr. DMMs/Dy. CMMs should critically fix the AAC/EAR based on eligible staff as per MOR position and the specified frequency of supply as per the RB letters under reference (as amended from time to time).

Sl	PL No	Description	Brief Functional Specification*	Scale/ Frequency	To be procured by
1	79315689 79310084 79310060	Safety Shoes	As per IS 15298 (Part 2): 2011/ISO 20345: 2004. Some of the reputed brands are Bata, Liberty, Action etc.	Once in six months	HQ for item 1(A) below Divisions/Workshops for item 1(B) & 1(C) below
2	79320004	Rain Coat with cap/hood and separate waterproof trouser	Waterproof coat and trouser with full sleeves and cap/hood	Once in a year	HQ

3	79320661	Winter Jacket	Jacket with inner lining with/without hood/cap, orange colour superior quality	Once in 2 years	HQ
4	79310370	Luminous vest	Retro-reflective orange colour, IS-15809 of 2008 specified by EN471 Standard	Once in six months	Divisions/Workshops
5	79310000	Safety Helmet with detachable miner's light	Miner's helmet to IS Specifications IS 2925-1884 (modified in 2010) with detachable headlights having flexibility for rotation provided with straps	Once in a year	Divisions/Workshops
6	56468131	Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ Rechargeable Torch	As being used by SCR/NR	Once in a year	HQ

Note (*): Brief description/specification is indicative only. Detailed description/specification as well as bid conditions are to be framed after critical study by the tendering authority.

1. Safety Shoes:

There are three (03) categories of Safety shoes to be procured by ECR for which separate PL for each category already exists in ECR.

PL No 79315689: Safety footwear for Railway Trackmen/Shuntman etc.
PL No 79310084: Safety footwear for Railway Workshop/Sheds etc. (non-Electrical)
PL No 79310060: Safety footwear for Electrical Workers/Staff (Electrical)

A. Safety footwear for Railway Trackmen/Shuntman etc. (PL No. 79315689):

i) Procurement shall be done by HQ.
ii) This item is to be stocked in all Divisional Stores Depots (DSDs) and General Stores Depots (GSDs) under PL No. 79315689.
iii) The AAC shall be fixed by the divisions on the basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the respective division and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be communicated by the divisions to HQ by 31.07.2026.
iv) Contract period shall be from January to December.
v) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
vi) Supplies to be taken in at least 02 Lots.
vii) Safety shoes to be procured as per Standard Free Indian Feet Size.
viii) Procurement of regular requirement for CP Jan' 27- Dec' 27 shall be done at HQ on the basis of demands to be submitted by the divisions after fixing of AAC.

B. Safety Shoes for all eligible staff of Workshops/Sheds (non-Electrical) (PL No. 79310084):

i) Procurement shall be done by Sr. DMMs/Dy. CMM/HRT.
ii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions/depots/sheds on the basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the Divisions/Workshops/Sheds and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be updated by the divisions by 31.07.2026.
iii) Contract period shall be from January to December.
iv) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
v) Supplies to be taken in at least 02 Lots.
vi) Safety shoes to be procured as per Standard Free Indian Feet Size.
vii) Procurement to be done by the Divisions/Depots/Workshops/Sheds on the basis of demands to be generated after fixing of AAC.

C. Safety Shoes for all eligible staff of Workshops/Sheds (Electrical) (PL No. 79310060):

i) Procurement shall be done by Sr. DMMs/Dy. CMM/HRT.
ii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions/depots/sheds on basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the Divisions/Workshops/Sheds and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be updated by the divisions by 31.07.2026.
iii) Contract period shall be from January to December.
iv) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
v) Supplies to be taken in at least 02 Lots.
vi) Safety shoes to be procured as per Standard Free Indian Feet Size.
vii) Procurement to be done by the Divisions/Depots/Workshops/Sheds on the basis of demands to be generated after fixing of AAC.

2. Rain Coat (PL No. 79320004):

Rain coat for all eligible staff:

i) This item is to be stocked in all Divisional Stores Depots (DSDs) and General Stores Depots (GSDs). Northern Railway PL No. 79320004 is to be adopted.
ii) Procurement shall be done by HQ.
iii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions on basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the respective division and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be communicated by the divisions to HQ by 31.07.2026.
iv) Contract period shall be from May to April.
v) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
vi) All the divisions shall procure the requirement for the period of May' 26 - April' 27 at their ends.
vii) Procurement of regular requirement for CP May' 27- April' 28 and for the Interim Period (if any) shall be done at HQ on the basis of demands to be submitted by the divisions after fixing of AAC.

3. Winter Jacket (PL No. 79320661):

Winter Jacket for all eligible staff:

i) This item is to be stocked in all Divisional Stores Depots (DSDs) and General Stores Depots (GSDs). Northern Railway PL No. 79320661 is to be adopted.
ii) Procurement shall be done by HQ.
iii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions on basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the respective division and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be communicated by the divisions to HQ by 31.07.2026.
iv) Contract period shall be from September to August.
v) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
vi) All the divisions shall procure the requirement for the period of Sept' 26 - Aug' 27 at their ends.
vii) Procurement of regular requirement for CP Sept' 27- Aug' 28 and for the Interim Period (if any) shall be done at HQ on the basis of demands to be submitted by the division after fixing of AAC.

4. Luminous Vest (PL No. 79310370):

Luminous Vest for all eligible staff:

i) This item is to be stocked in all Divisional Stores Depots (DSDs) and General Stores Depots (GSDs). Item is already stocked in GSD/SPJ under PL No. 79310370. This same PL is to be adopted by all other depots.
ii) Procurement shall be done by the respective divisions.
iii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions on basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the respective division and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be updated by the divisions by 31.07.2026.
iv) Contract period shall be from January to December.
v) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
vi) Supplies to be taken in 02 Lots.
vii) Procurement to be done by the divisions on the basis of demands to be generated after fixing of AAC.

5. Safety Helmet with detachable miner's light (PL No. 79310000):

Safety Helmet with detachable miner's light for all eligible staff:

i) This item is to be stocked in all Divisional Stores Depots (DSDs) and General Stores Depots (GSDs). Item is already stocked in GSD/SPJ under PL No. 79310000. This same PL is to be adopted by all other depots.
ii) Procurement shall be done by the respective divisions.

iii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions on basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the respective division and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be updated by the divisions by 31.07.2026.
iv) Contract period shall be from January to December.
v) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
vi) Supplies to be taken in 02 Lots.
vii) Procurement to be done by the divisions on the basis of demands to be generated after fixing of AAC.

6. Tricolor LED 3-cell Rechargeable Torch (PL No. 56468131):

Tricolor LED 3-cell Rechargeable Torch for all eligible staff:

i) This item is to be stocked in all Divisional Stores Depots (DSDs) and General Stores Depots (GSDs). Item is already stocked in GSD/SPJ under PL No. 56468131. This same PL is to be adopted by all other depots.
ii) Procurement shall be done by HQ.
iii) The AAC will be fixed by the divisions on basis of the number of eligible staff as per assessment of Man-on-Roll (MOR) position taken from the Personnel Department of the respective division and the specified frequency of supply. AAC must be updated by the divisions by 31.07.2026.
iv) Contract period shall be from January to December.
v) Buffer Stock shall be of 01 month's requirement.
vi) Supplies to be taken in 02/03 Lots.

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

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रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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No. 2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 New Delhi, dated: 05 - 02- 2018

The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(Con), CORE
The DG/RDSO & NAIR,
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RWP/Bela

Sub: Report of the Committee to Review Uniform & Tool Kits for Trackmen/Keymen/Patrolmen

Ref: Board's letter No. 2018/Transf.cell/03 dated Jan 8, 2018

Considering the importance of Trackmaintainers in ensuring safe running of trains on IR and the hardships being faced by them, Board (CRB) had constituted a committee of GMs of SCR (Convener), CR & NR to recommend measures that would improve their working conditions including better uniform and tool kits.

Committee's report with all annexures is enclosed herewith and same is uploaded in Transformation Cell section of the Railway Board's website (http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard). Based on the recommendations of the committee, Board (ME, MS, FC & CRB) have approved the following for compliance.

1.0 Dress Allowance:

1.1 The Dress Allowance for the Track Maintainers as per RBE No.141/2017 dated 03.10.2017, shall continue to be followed. For Track women, dress allowance will cover Kurta (both summer & winter), Salwar, Jersy, headgear other than helmet, mittens, socks and water bottles. The colour scheme of dress for Track women will be the same as that for Trackmen.

2.0 Uniform and Protective Gears:

As the Track Maintainers have to walk on ballast in extreme climatic conditions ranging from very high temperature during summer while carrying out hot weather patrolling and also in very low temperatures in the night for cold weather patrolling, it is necessary to provide special gears to them to protect them from extreme weather conditions. Also the work of the track maintainers involves working with heavy objects like rails and sleepers, which can topple on their feet while working. The feet need to be adequately protected. Their working conditions are similar to that as existing on a shop floor or in construction projects. Hence following special protective gears are to be provided to them:

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2.1 The following job specific protective gears may be provided to all Track maintainers including P-way-artisans and their helpers. These items may be provided on division basis, modification if any due to local climatic conditions, may be considered with the approval of DRM.

Table-1

S. No.	Description	Functional specification	Scale	Approx. Cost (inRs.)
1	Rain Coat with cap/hood and separate waterproof trouser	Waterproof coat and trouser with full sleeves and cap/hood.	Once in a year	1200/-
2(a)	Winter Jacket	Jacket with inner lining with/without hood/cap, orange color superior quality.	Once in 2 years	2500/-
	OR			
2(b) **	Clothing for Subzero climate i. Jacket ii. Trouser iii. Gloves iv. Snow boots v. Cap	As per military clothing from Ordinance factories/approved suppliers of Ordinance factories.	Once in 2 years	10,000/-
3.	Safety Shoes	As per IS 15298 (Part 2): 2011 / ISO 20345:2004 Some of the reputed brands are Bata, Liberty, Action etc.	Once in six Months	1400/-
4.	Luminous vest	Retro-reflective orange colour,IS-15809 of 2008 specified by EN471 Standard	Once in Six months	500/-
5.	Safety Helmet with detachable miner's light	Miner's helmet to IS specifications IS 2925-1884 (modified in 2010) with detachable headlights having flexibility for rotation provided with straps.	Once in a year	1400/-
6	Tool Kit Bag	As developed by PUNE Division, CR or Ferozpur Division of NR Material –Matte Nylon-1680 Black, Red & Orange Color, with canvas for lining	Once a Year	1400/-
7*	Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ rechargeable torch	As being used by SCR / NR	Once a Year	1000/-

* Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ rechargeable torch to be provided to Mate, Keymen and all track maintainers deputed for night patrolling

** Winter jackets as per item 2a) will not be supplied in subzero climate region, as provisioning of the same is already included in item 2b). In addition, any specific requirement for any particular area/climatic condition may be assessed by the respective DRM.

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3.0 **Tools and Equipment:**

3.1 Provide light weight improvised tools and equipment such as spanner, hammer, crow bar, mortar pan etc. to track maintainers, as per extant Board's instructions.

3.2 Provide tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ rechargeable torch developed by NR/SCR in place of H. S. Lamps to Mate, Keymen & all Track maintainers deputed for Night patrolling. Regarding payment for purchase of dry cells to the Track Maintainers deputed for night patrolling duties, it has already been decided by Board (ME & FC) vide Railway Board's letter no 2016/CE-I/GNS/4 pt. dated 07.12.2017 to pay @ Rs 150 per month to all track maintainers deputed for night patrolling. Same may be followed.

3.3 Improvised staff for patrolman, as being used on SCR may be provided in place of conventional staff.

3.4 Sturdy light weight backpack Tool Kit bag with provision to keep various equipment as developed by Pune Division of Central Railway and Firozpur Division of Northern Railway were considered appropriate. Such Tool Kit bag may be provided to all Track maintainers including P-way-artisans and their helpers.

4.0 **Mode of Procurement**

As on date Stores department is procuring luminous vests; This system may continue. The other items mentioned in **table 1** (para 2.1) above, may be procured at Divisional Level through **Spot purchase committee** comprising of Sr.DEN/DEN incharge, Sr.DFM/DFM, Sr.DMM/DMM. Once the system gets stabilized, and the vendors are developed; these may be procured through stores department of the division.

5.0 **Rakshak**

"Rakshak" protection system for patrolmen/trackmen has been adopted by SCR on Secunderabad- Kazipeth section in a stretch of 24 KMs and has been found to be useful in getting advance information regarding approaching trains by way of LED indication along with audible buzzer and vibration. Keeping in view large number of run-over cases of Trackmen that occur during discharge of their duty on Track, putting in place a Rakshak type protection system is essential and needs to be expeditiously implemented. However since the system is still in infancy stage, deployment on entire Rail Network may not be feasible right now. However keeping in view large number of run-over cases, it has been decided to extend deployment of Rakshak type protection systems on the entire **High Density Network** on a crash basis. This being a safety item, may be booked under RRSK.

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6.0 Gang Tool cum Rest Room

A tool cum rest room should be provided in the gang beat of each sectional gang preferably at the station or at level crossing. The room may have resting facility, private lockers for keeping their small belongings. The toolbox can also be accommodated in the same building. This type of accommodation can be provided near the station building as far as possible or at the level crossing falling in the gang beat. In addition to regular supply of electricity alternate source of solar lighting may also be provided in these rooms. For watering, hand-pump/piped water supply may be provided. Prefabricated modern construction methods already in use on certain Railways (KGP div of SER & of WCR) may be used for early and quality construction. These should be constructed in a phased manner through funds from Track renewal works/RRSK. Priority may be decided locally by the DRM.

This issues with the concurrence of Associate Finance of Transformation Cell Railway Board.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt and ensure compliance.

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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NO. 2018/TF Cell/S&T/S&T Uniform **Dated: 05.03.2019**

The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(Con), CORE
The DG/RDSO/Lucknow, DG/NAIR/Vadodara
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RWP/Bela, CAO/IROAF

Sub: Uniform and Protective gears for Maintainers and Helpers of Signal & Telecom, Electrical (TRD) and Mechanical (ART & ARME) Staff.
Ref: 1. Railway Board's letter no. 2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 dated 05.02.2018.
2. Railway Board's letter no. PC-VII/2017/I/7/5/7 dated 03.10.2017.

In order to ensure safe working environment for the staff working on track and also keeping in view the hardship faced by them during extreme weather conditions, provision of Special protective gears has been considered by the Board. In continuation of the protective gears approved for Trackmen/Keymen/Patrolmen vide Reference (1) above, Board (MTR, MRS, MS, FC & CRB) in consultation with DG(S&T), have also approved the following:

1. **Protective Gears:**

Provision of special protective gears has been approved for the Technicians/Maintainers and Helpers of S&T, Electrical (TRD) & Mechanical (ART & ARME) departments where duty involves working in field/on track under extreme weather and working conditions. The list of the protective gears and other items is as indicated below:

Table-1

S. No.	Description	Functional specification	Scale	Approx. Cost (Rs.)
1.	Rain Coat with cap/hood and separate waterproof trouser	Waterproof coat and trouser with full sleeves and cap/hood.	Once in a year	1200/-
2(a)	Winter Jacket	Jacket with inner lining with/without hood/cap, orange color superior quality.	Once in 2 years	2500/-
	OR			
2(b)**	Clothing for Subzero climate i. Jacket ii. Trouser iii. Gloves iv. Snow boots v. Cap	As per military clothing from Ordinance factories/approved suppliers of Ordinance factories.	Once in 2 years	10,000/-
3.	Safety Shoes(with Steel Toes)	As per IS 15298 (Part 2): 2011 / ISO 20345:2004 Some of the reputed brands are Bata, Liberty, Action etc.	Once in six Months	1400/-

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4.	Luminous vest	Retro-reflective orange colour,IS-15809 of 2008 specified by EN471 Standard	Once in Six months	500/-
5*	Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ rechargeable torch	As being used by SCR / NR	Once a Year	1000/-

Note: 1.* Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ rechargeable torch to be provided to staff deputed for night duty or required to attend failures during night.

Note 2: ** Winter jackets as per item 2a) will not be supplied in subzero climate region, as provisioning of the same is already included in item 2b). In addition, any specific requirement for any particular area/climatic condition may be assessed by the respective DRM.

2. **Mode of Procurement**

Mode of Procurement shall be same as adopted for procurement of protective gears for Engineering staff vide reference (1) above. As on date, Stores Department is procuring luminous vests. The other items mentioned in Table 1 above, may be procured at Divisional Level, through Spot Purchase Committee comprising concerned Branch Officer, SrDFM/DFM, SrDMM/DMM. Once the system gets stabilized, and the vendors are developed, these may be procured through Stores Department of the Division.

3. **Dress Allowances:**

The Dress Allowance for the eligible staff as per Railway Board's letter no. PC-VII/2017/I/7/5/7 dated 03.10.2017 (RBE No. 141/2017), shall continue to be followed for above categories of staff.

4. **Colour Scheme of Uniform for Technicians/Maintainers and Helpers of S&T Department:**

The colour scheme of uniform for Technicians/Maintainers and Helpers of S&T Department for both men/women - Shirt/Kurta shall be of Sky Blue and Trouser/Salwar shall be Navy Blue.

This issues with the concurrence of Associate Finance of Transformation Cell of Railway Board.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt and ensure compliance.

05.03.19

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NO. 2018/TF Cell/S&T/S&T Uniform **Dated: 05.03.2019**

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No. 2023/TT-1/76/Misc/1 **New Delhi, dated 14.05.2024**

The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(Con), CORE
The DG/RDSO/Lucknow, DG/NAIR/Vadodara,
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Sub: Uniform and Protective gears for shunting staff (Pointsman, Gateman, Cabinman & Leverman) of Operating Deptt.

Ref: 1.Board's letter No.2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 dated 05.02.2018.
2.Board's letter No.PC-VII/2017/I/7/5/7 dated 03.10.2017.
3. Board's letter No. 2018/TF Cell/S&T/S&T Uniform dated 05.03.2019.

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In continuation of the protective gears approved for Trackmen/Keymen/Patrolmen vide Reference (1) and Technicians/Maintainers and Helpers of S&T, Electrical (TRD) & Mechanical (ART & ARME) Deptt. vide Reference (3) above, Board (M/O&BD, MF and CRB & CEO) in consultation with DG/HR, have also approved the provision of special protective gears for the Pointsman/Gateman/Cabinman/Leverman of Operating Department. The detail are as under:

1. Protective Gears:

The list of the protective gears and other items is as indicated below:

Table-1

S. No	Description	Functional specification	Scale	Approx cost (Rs)
1.	Rain Coat with cap/hood and separate waterproof trouser	Waterproof coat and trouser with full sleeves and cap/hood.	Once in a year	1200/-
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3.	Safety Shoes(with Steel Toes)	As per IS 15298 (Part 2): 2011 / ISO 20345:2004 Some of the reputed brands are Bata, Liberty, Action etc.	Once in six Months	1400/-

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4	Luminous vest	Retro-reflective orange colour. IS-15809 of 2008 specified by EN471 Standard	Once in Six months	500/-
5*	Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/rechargeable torch	As being used by SCR/ NR	Once a year	1000/-

Note: 1* Tricolor LED 3-cell Torch/ rechargeable torch to be provided to staff deputed for night duty or required to attend failures during night.

Note 2:** Winter jackets as per item 2a) will not be supplied in subzero climate region, as provisioning of the same is already included in item 2b) In addition, any specific requirement for any particular area/climatic condition may be assessed by the respective DRM.

2. Mode of Procurement:

Mode of Procurement shall be same as adopted for procurement of protective gears for Engineering staff vide reference (1) above. As on date, Stores Department is procuring luminous vests. The other items mentioned in **Table 1** above, may be procured at Divisional Level, through Spot Purchase Committee comprising concerned Branch Officer, SrDFM/DFM, SrDMM/DMM. Once the system gets stabilized, and the vendors are developed, these may be procured through Stores Department of the Division.

3. Dress Allowances:

The Dress Allowance for the eligible staff as per Railway Board's letter No. PC-VII/2017/1/7/5/7 dated 03.10.2017 (RBE No. 141/2017), shall continue to be followed for above categories of staff.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Dte. and Transformation cell of Ministry of Railways.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt and ensure compliance.

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रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways
रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

No. 2024/RS(G)/709/21

Dated:05/11/2024

The General Managers
All Indian Railways

Sub: Procurement of quality shoes for Trackmen on Indian Railways

Ref.:
i. Railway Board letter No. 2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 dated 05/02/2018.
ii. Record of Discussion (ROD) of meeting held in Railway Board on 09/09/2024, issued vide No. 2024/RS(G)/509/3 dated 10/09/2024
iii. Railway Board letter No. 2002/RS(G)/779/12 dated 14/12/2011.
iv. Railway Board letter No. 2017/Trans/01/Policy dated 08/12/2017.

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Railway Board has been receiving numerous complaints regarding poor quality of shoes being provided to Trackmen. Good quality shoes are considered essential for safe working by Trackmen.

2. Railway Board has already issued instructions regarding the quantum, quality and mode of procurement of shoes for Trackmen vide letter under ref (i). The matter was also reviewed at Railway Board on 09/09/2024 (ROD circulated vide ref ii)

3. Railway Board has been intimated of confusion amongst Railway Units regarding authority to procure through Spot Purchase Committee.

4. In view of all above, it is clarified that:

(i) Zonal Railways should ensure procuring of good quality shoes to Trackmen. The quality, quantum and mode of procurement specified in letter under ref (i) may be followed.

(ii) The delegation with respect to procurement through Spot Purchase Committee has been provided vide Railway Board letter dated 14/12/2011 (ref iii), as also reiterated by Railway Board letter dated 08/12/2017 at ref (iv). These are the relevant instructions on the matter of Spot Purchase Committee, issued by Railway Board, as on date.

5. In addition to above, Northern Railway has conducted detailed analysis of requirement of shoes for Trackmen in their zone. Specifications have been upgraded in consultation with user and industry. Zonal Railways had been requested to consider the process/specification of Northern Railway for suitable adaptation on their Railway, during the meeting held in Railway Board on 09/09/2024 (ref ii). Only two Zonal Railways have approached Northern Railway so far. All Zonal Railways are again requested to consider the process/specification of Northern Railway for suitable adaptation on their Railway.

05/11/2024

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No. (e-file no)/Computer no.:-302503 **Date:-26.05.2025**

All Stores Officers
East Central Railway

Sub:- Procurement of Safety shoes for Trackmen and Workshop.
Ref.:- (i) RB's letter No.:-2024/RS (G)/709/21 dtd.:-05.11.2024.
(ii) RB's letter No.:-2024/RS (G)/709/21 dtd.:-20.05.2025.

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1.0 The subject item will be purchased by respective Sr.DMMs and Dy.CMM /HRT only.

2.0 Safety shoes of Trackmen be stocked under PL. No. 79315689 and Safety Shoes for workshop be stocked under PL No. 79310084. If Safety shoes are also to be supplied to any other category of Staff (like points man), their requirement can be added in either of the two categories as per decision of concern PHOD/DRMS.

3.0 Refer (ii) above, GeM has introduced 2 type of Railway specific Safety shoes categories and as such the procurement is to be made based on the same. These are namely:
1. Safety footwear for Railway Trackmen
2. Safety footwear for Railway workshop.

4.0 Since, adequate number of vendors have not yet onboard on GeM, procurement under above 2 categories will be done only after 1/08/25. The existing vendors who have supplied Safety shoes in past in ECR may be informed to onboard GeM, if they intent to supply the items through GeM as per the GeM specification.

5.0 The contract period for these items will be as per Stores Instruction no. 116 i.e 01.05.2026 to 31.04.2027 and for this contract period, the procurement may be initiated after 01.08.25. It may be stipulated in tender conditions that the supply will be taken every 06 Months in 03 Lots (minimum).

6.0 The AAC will be fixed on the number of eligible staff and frequency of the supply as per relevant instructions (which is at present 06 monthly for trackmen etc). Progress of procurement and distribution to Trackmen/Workshop staff be apprised to HQ on monthly basis to start with.

This issues with the approval of PCMM.

DA:- As above.

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नई दिल्ली–110 001
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NEW DELHI-110 001

D.O. No. 2024/RS(G)/709/21

Dated: 09/06/2025

Dear General Manager,

Sub.: Procurement of Safety Shoes through GeM for Indian Railways

Ensuring the adequate availability of good quality of safety shoes for Railway Trackmen and for use in Railway Workshops is very essential.

2. With a view to ensure uniformity in the quality of safety shoes being procured across all Railway units and also to adopt uniform practices of procurement, GeM has created two new product categories viz., (i) Safety Footwear for Railway Trackman and (ii) Safety Footwear for Railway Workshop. These categories have been created based on the technical specifications and requirements provided by Railway Board.

3. Identification of prospective vendors and encouraging their on-boarding on GeM is essential to ensure that quality products are made available. In this context, I would urge you to instruct concerned officials to engage with prospective suppliers for on-boarding on GeM under these new categories at the earliest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

9/6/25

(Rajeev Kumar)

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भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2023/TT-1/76/Misc/1 New Delhi dated 26.08.2025

The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(Const.), CORE
The DG/RDSO/Lucknow, DG/NAIR/Vadodara,
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RWP/Bela, CAO/IROAF

Sub: Uniform and Protective gears for Shuntman and Shunting Master of Operating Deptt.

Ref: 1. Board's letter No.2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 dated 05.02.2018.
2. Board's letter No.PC-VII/2017/I/7/5/7 dated 03.10.2017.
3. Board's letter No. 2018/TF Cell/S&T/S&T Uniform dated 05.03.2019.
4. Board's letter No. 2023/TT-1/76/Misc/1 dated 17.05.2024

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In continuation of the protective gears approved, vide above referred letters, for Trackmen/Keymen/Patrolmen, Technicians/Maintainers and Helpers of S&T, Electrical (TRD) & Mechanical (ART & ARME) Deptt. And Shunting Staff (Pointsman, Gateman, Cabinman & Leverman) of Operating deptt., Board (M/O&BD, MF and CRB & CEO) have also approved the provision of special protective gears for Shuntman and Shunting Master of the Operating Department.

2 All the instructions contained in Board's letter of even no. dated 17.05.2024 will also apply mutatis mutandis for Shuntman and Shunting Master of the Operating Department.

3 This issues with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of Ministry of Railways.

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