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Headquarters Office
Baroda House,
New Delhi.**CONFIDENTIAL**

No E-97/WIG/Vigilance/Misc.

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Sr.DEN/Coord.
Northern Railway,
FZR, UMB, DLI, MB & LKO.

Sub: Operation of non scheduled item of Rubber paint Royal Play on walls.

Ref: Dy.CVO/E's Confdl. letter No. VIG/PC/V4/2020/12/02131/DLI/Engg dated 23.06.2021.

Vigilance has reported operation of non scheduled item of painting at high rates with nomenclature 'Painting walls with rubber paint Royal Play with approved roller finish including all lead and lift etc. complete job' in one of the divisions. This is despite, availability of number of painting options in USSOR/DSR for different site requirements/needs.

Above NS item is reportedly also not having detailed specification thereby making proper quality control of the work difficult. In addition, variation in accepted rates in short spans of time and enhancement in quantity of item in different contracts through Addendum & Corrigendum has also been reported.

Adoption of such costly NS item with brand name despite availability of number of painting options in USSOR/DSR for different site requirements/needs along with enhancement of quantity through Addendum/Corrigendum is matter of concern and viewed seriously. Operation of such item should be limited only where essential and justified at reasonable rates and item should be given with detailed description/specification without any specific brand.

All divisions having above NS item in existing contract should immediately review the need and essentiality of this item along with reasonability of rates before its operation. Based on above review division should decide execution of only essential and justified minimum quantity duly ensuring no enhancement in the quantity in existing contract. Divisions are also advised to send the details of contracts having this item along with accepted rate, initial and revised quantity along with other details.

It is advised that inclusion of above item in future tender should only be done if such similar item is not available in USSOR/DSR and inclusion is inescapable, which has to be certified by the concerned Sr DEN with detailed description/specification of item without mentioning brand name with detailed AOR vetted by Sr DFM.

Please acknowledge receipt of the letter.

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Copy to :

1. DRM/FZR, UMB, DLI, MB & LKO for information and necessary action.
2. CE/Works, BH, for information & necessary follow up action.
3. Dy.CVO/Engg, BH, for information in reference to above letter.