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To,
The Chief Public Information Officer (CPIO),
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Rafi Marg, New Delhi - 110001.

Date: 22/02/2012

Sub: Information regarding orders placed of Stainless Steel components (fabricated / precision machined on various firms by Rail Coach Factory,

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed Postal Order No. 89E 783283 of Rs. 10/- drawn in favor of "Pay & Accounts Officer, Railway Board, New Delhi. I've mentioned below some queries and request you to please reply to the same.

- a) What are the Stainless Steel components outsourced by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala. Please provide Part No. and nomenclature.
- b) What are the types of Stainless Steel used in the above mentioned components?
- c) Who are the suppliers of the Stainless Steel components?
- d) What are the eligibility criteria to manufacture the Stainless Steel Components for RCF, Kapurthala?
- e) Who performs the inspection of Stainless Steel components supplied to Rail Coach Factory?
- f) Why is it that major vendors supplying stainless steel components have opted for inspection to be performed by Quality Assurance deptt of RCF, Kapurthala instead of RITES? Is there a provision of procuring Material Test Certificate issued by the Manufacturer of Stainless Steel Sheets from the vendor?
- g) How is it ensured that all stainless steel components have been manufactured using stainless steel as specified in the drawing.
- h) Is the material completely checked at RCF, Kapurthala or randomly checked. If it is checked randomly then please provide the inspection reports copies.
- i) Is any stainless steel component checked non destructively post fitment. If not is there any provision to check the stainless steel component supplied by the vendor in a carriage repair shop.
- j) Has anyone from Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala verified as to how Part II / Part I vendors are supplying Stainless Steel Components below the Raw Material Price. If yes then please provide the report audited duly by a gazetted officer.

As per our information the stainless steel components supplied at RCF, Kapurthala are made of sub standard material not using the Stainless Steel Specified in the drawing. In concept to the same we would like you to reply certain questions:-

- 1) To whom should the complaint be made for the same?

- 2) Can somebody from the Railway Board/Vigilance department take action over this issue? If yes please specify the authority.
- 3) Can the Mechanical Directorate intervene into this issue if informed? Please specify the authority.
- 4) Stainless Steel components supplied to various Zonal Railways as per RCF, Drawings are inspected by whom. Is there any provision for non destructive testing at the Coach Workshop?
- 5) How is it possible that a vendor can supply the finished component at the cost of Raw material? If precisely viewed as per the drawing the either the material supplied is underweight of the Raw material used is of an inferior grade. Please look into this matter and revert.

Hoping you shall reply to my queries as soon as possible.

YOURS SINCERELY



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