

Sub. :-Management of Ballast Quarries and delegation of Powers for Management of Ballast on open Line.

In one of the recent inspection, it has been observed that the ballast being procured is not up to the specifications. In order to improve the quality of ballast procured, better management of ballast procurement is necessary.

In supersession of all previous instructions, the revised procedure to be adopted should be as under :

- (i) All Management of ballast procurement, both for depots as well as for cress supply, including tendering and contract management will be dealt with by the sectional DEN/DSE in whose jurisdiction the location falls. Only in cases of very major depots, like Tughlakabad, where exclusive AEN and supervisory staff are posted for ballast supply, these can be continued to be under DSE (C) as per present practice. In all other cases where exceptions are to be made in jurisdiction control due to special working conditions/ work-load of the quarry, specific approval will be required from the undersigned.
- (ii) DSE(C) will be responsible for the overall planning of ballast requirement and distribution of quantities to various depot and for cress supply. He will also control the availability for funds, both under Revenue and Track Renewals, for ballast and will coordinate the overall movement of ballast trains from depots.
- (iii) All initial measurements of ballast stacks can be recorded by IOW/PWI holding independent charge as per existing instructions & 100 per cent check of these measurement will be exercised by the Asstt. Engineer, both in respect of stack measurements as well as quality check. Sr. DEN/DEN, who is the bill passing officer, will exercise 20% check, both in respect of stack measurement and quality before passing the bills.

These instructions may be brought to the notice of all engineering officers and subordinates, to ensure implementation, ***with immediate effect.***

Please acknowledge receipt.

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