

### Justification for Outsourcing for Diagnostic Tests (lab/Imaging).

1. Divisional Hospital Bikaner is a 100 bedded hospital provide care of Medical facilities to approx. 10000 serving employees, about 10000 retired employees and their dependents, overall approx. 60000 railway beneficiaries.
2. It has average daily OPD about 400-500 patients and has facility for 100 indoor patients.
3. Patients of various complicated diseases are dealt with in this hospital having various specialists.
4. There are many diagnostic pathologic and radiological tests which are not available in Divisional hospital, Bikaner but require as an asset for doctors to diagnose many diseases at earlier stage. In addition, time to time are unavailability of some common tests due to absence of manpower and failure of tools etc, they are being done from outside labs and diagnostic centers on empanelment basis from last 4-5 Years which is going to end soon unless extension is given.
5. Patient has to undergo through a long process to reimburse the cost of these tests and they have to face lot of difficulty in getting back moderate amount. It became even more difficult for the patients coming from periphery station and also there is increase of man days lost on this account.
6. After consultation with all the specialists and other doctors of Divisional Hospital, Bikaner a list of the diagnostic tests besides CGHS rate have also been prepared, which are required per case basis occasionally as per rate finalized for special tests.
7. As per above justification, it is proposed that looking at the problems faced by the doctors and patient, fresh empanelment is required (after proper procedure) to carry out diagnostic tests as per railway policy.
8. Upon prescription can directly go to the nominated diagnosis laboratory and payment may be made on monthly bill system or cash Impress by railway administration, as being followed.
9. This system already exists for all over Indian Railways (uniform policy enclosed) and also in Bikaner Division hospital, moreover, it is a step for advancement in the patient care for the hospital.

Therefore, fresh empanelment of diagnostic lab/imaging centre/hospital to carry out diagnostic tests as per railway policy is fully justified.

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