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**Sub:- Review of Delegation of powers and codal life of assets.**

**Ref:-** (i)Railway Board's letter no. 2006/C&IS/Oth./Delegation of powers/36 dt. 10.12.2008.  
(ii)Railway Board's letter no. 2002/ACII/2/10/Vol.II dt 15.03.2012

The attention of Board is invited w.r.t. certain provisions in letter under reference (i). The provisions requiring attention with proposal and justification are tabulated as following:

Para	Existing provisions	Proposed provisions	Reasons/justifications
1 (i) b	Total per PC cost including CPU and TFT Monitor etc. should not exceed Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only) which is chargeable to revenue. Use of thin clients may be encouraged as they are cheaper and also easy to maintain.	Total per PC cost including CPU and TFT Monitor and licensed operating system (if required) etc. should not exceed Rs. 55,000/- (Rupees Fifty five thousand Only) with licensed OS (wherever required) which is chargeable to revenue. Use of thin clients may be encouraged as they are cheaper and also easy to maintain.	The Last revision of powers took place on 10.12.2008. Since then US\$ has appreciated substantially causing import cost escalation of computer parts. As a result, PCs of good configuration with licensed OS are not available in prescribed ceiling limit in DGS&D RC/open market. Ceiling limit for Rs. 40000/- needs to be revised to proposed level in order to purchase PCs of good configuration available in DGS&D RC.
1 (i) f	Separate copies of licensed software should only be procured for each PC alongwith licences for Antivirus and firewalls as a standard non-stock requisition in terms of (e) above.	Separate copies of licences for Antivirus and firewalls should be procured as a standard non-stock requisition in terms of (e) above.	The separate licensed copy of Windows 8 pro is available @ Rs. 15000/- each from open market. Whereas the same copy is supplied at just 20-30% price, if purchased alongwith PC against DGS&D RC.
1 (iii) a	While procuring equipment it should be ensured that as far as possible IT equipment is purchased with minimum three years warranty so as to take life cycle cost into account.	While procuring equipment it should be ensured that as far as possible IT equipment of critical/ sophisticated nature like servers, heavy duty line printers, online UPS catering to servers etc. is purchased with minimum 3 years warranty so as to take life cycle cost into account. However, for other normal PCs, printers, UPSs etc. AMC/CMC may be entered, wherever readily available at lower rates.	The cost of CMC built in for 3 years proves very costly compared to CMC entered separately from open market sources. Therefore, only critical / sophisticated equipments may be covered under 3 years built in warrantee. Normal equipments may be covered in CMC from open market sources wherever readily available at lower rates.

It has been experienced that PCs and printers may give better longevity than presently defined as codal life in Railway Board's letter under reference (ii). If the PCs of better configuration are purchased, the codal life may be enhanced to 5 years from existing 3 years. Similarly codal life for laser printers, all in one printers and line printers may also be enhanced to 4 years from existing 3 years. However, codal life for dot matrix printers may be kept same as 3 years.

Board may like to take appropriate action on above submissions.

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