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**Sub: Field performance of 140 KN capacity air springs supplied by M/s Ashika Commercial Pvt. Ltd. (OEM: M/s Trelleborg, UK).**

- Ref: 1) ICF letter no.MI/3A dated 26.09.2019.  
2) RCF letter no. MD23151 dated 04.11.2019.  
3) This office letter of even no. dated 17.12.2018.  
4) This office letter of even no. dated 13.11.2019

Vide letter under ref. (4), performance of M/s Ashika make air springs (140 KN capacity) fitted in coaches were asked. Same is still awaited. Content of letter under ref. (4) is reproduced as under:

*"In reference to above, Zonal Railways have informed about significant number of failures of air bellows in air springs supplied by M/s Ashika Commercial Pvt. Ltd. (OEM: M/s Trelleborg, UK). Firm has also accepted that there were some lapses at their end during manufacturing of air bellows and they will change all suspected air bellows, prone to crack.*

*Hence, vide letter under reference (3), M/s Ashika was temporary delisted, for a period until compliance of non-conformities advised by vendor. Further, PUs has informed that that there is severe constraint in supply of air springs for LHB coaches. Same issue of limited sources of air springs has also been highlighted in CDEs meeting.*

*In view of above, to increase the vendor base it was decided by competent authority that performance of 140 KN capacity air spring supplied by M/s Ashika*



*Commercial Pvt. Ltd. after corrective actions taken by firm shall be required from Zonal Railways. If performance is found to be satisfactory, necessary action will be taken. Accordingly, fitment details of subject air springs were asked from ICF and RCF. Same has been provided by ICF and RCF vide letter under ref. (1) and (2) – Copies enclosed*

*Therefore, it is requested to send the performance of M/s Ashika make air springs (140 KN capacity) fitted in coaches, mentioned in list provided by ICF and RCF. In case of any failure, details may also be provided”.*

Since performance reports of M/s Ashika make air springs (140 KN capacity) is required to take final decision on temporary delisting case of M/s Ashika, it is again requested to send the performance reports of M/s Ashika make air springs (140 KN capacity) before 05.12.2019.

DA: Nil

  
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