

APPENDIX – V

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING NEW WORKS

1. General:

- 1.1. The instructions in this Appendix apply to works arising subsequent to the first opening of a railway or section of a railway. Works constructed prior to the opening of a railway are governed by the Indian Railways - General Rules for working railways under construction 1937.
- 1.2. The safety of the travelling public is ensured by the rules laid down in–
 1. The Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989);
 2. The General Rules for Indian Railways (Open Lines) 1976;
 3. The rules for the opening of a railway or section of a railway for the public carriage of passengers 1983; and
 4. The Indian Railways Schedule of Dimensions.
- 1.3. The rules provide for the legal authorisation that must be obtained for any work which affects the running line before the work is started or brought into use and before a new section of the line is opened for public traffic.

2. Sanction of the Central Government to the opening of railway (section 21).

- 2.1. No railway shall be opened for the public carriage of passengers until the Central Government has, by order, sanctioned the opening thereof for that purpose.
- 2.2. Formalities to be complied with before giving sanction to the opening of a railway (section 22)
 - 2.2.1. The Central Government shall before giving its sanction to the opening of a railway under section 21 obtain a report from the Commissioner that:
 1. he has made a careful inspection of the railway and the rolling stock that may be used thereon;
 2. the moving and fixed dimensions as laid down by the Central Government have not been infringed;
 3. the structure of lines of rails, strength of bridges, general structural character of the works and the size of, and maximum gross load upon, the axles of any rolling stock, comply with the requirements laid down by the Central Government; and
 4. In his opinion the railway can be opened for the public carriage of passengers without any danger to the public using it;
 - 2.2.2. If the Commissioner is of the opinion that the railway cannot be opened without any danger to the public using it, he shall in his report, state the grounds there for as also the requirements which in his opinion, are to be complied with before sanction is given by the Central Government.
 - 2.2.3. The Central Government, after considering the report of the Commissioner, may sanction the opening of a railway under section 21 as such or subject to such conditions as may be considered necessary by it for the safety of the public.
- 2.3. Sections 21 and 22 to apply to the opening of certain Works (section 23):

The provisions of sections 21 and 22 shall apply to the opening of the following works if they form part of or are directly connected with, a railway used for the public carriage of passengers and have been constructed subsequent to the giving of a report by the Commissioner under section 22, namely:–

1. Opening of additional lines of railway and deviation of lines;
2. Opening of stations, junctions and level crossings;
3. Remodeling of yards and rebuilding of bridges;
4. Introduction of electric traction; and
5. Any alteration or reconstruction materially affecting the structural character of any work to which the provisions of sections 21 and 22 apply or are extended by this section.

3. Application for sanction for works:–

Application to the CRS for sanction for carrying out works affecting running lines shall be made by the DRM through the Heads of the Departments for track, bridge and signalling and interlocking works.

4. Application for running of new types of locomotives and for rolling stock and for increase in speed (Annexure 13/4 of IRPWM):–

- 4.1. Application to the CRS for sanctioning the running of new types of locomotives or rolling stock or increasing the maximum permissible speed on a specified section or sections shall be made by the CE and accompanied by the following documents:-
 1. Load Diagram;
 2. Certificate for track strength;
 3. Certificate for strength of girders;
 4. Certificate or test runs (if required by the CRS) obtained from Transportation branch;
 5. Certificate (in the prescribed form) signed jointly by the CME and CE;
 6. A statement (in the prescribed form) detailing any infringement of maximum and minimum dimensions involved in the running of the locomotive or rolling stock.
- 4.2. On receipt of such an application, the CRS will, if he so desires, inspect and/or try out the new locomotives and / or rolling stock and the Railway Administration shall afford him the necessary assistance to do so.

5. Repetition of application to obtain the sanction of the CRS shall be avoided:

- 5.1. Only one application for the sanction of the CRS for each work shall be submitted although the work itself may be divided into separate stages.
- 5.2. For the purpose of para 5.1. above, works envisaged as per any separate proposal or sanctioned estimate and required to be carried out at any block station, non-block station, level crossings or other independent location shall be considered as a separate work and separate applications should be submitted for each such work. When works are required to be done over a block section continuously, in addition to or without works at associated block and non-block stations, level crossings, etc., a separate application should also be submitted for each such block section. However, notwithstanding the above, a common application for several works covered by different estimates or proposals and to be executed at one station, level crossing or other independent location or over the same block section may be submitted, provided it is intended to execute such works simultaneously or in close succession to each other.
- 5.3. A safety certificate in the prescribed form shall, however, be submitted for each stage.

6. Documents to accompany application for sanction:

- 6.1. Documents to accompany the application for sanction are detailed in Form No. ES.1 (for specimen form, see Annexure 13/1, IRPWM) and they should be complete in every respect;