

## 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:–