The General Managers,
All Indian Railways & PUs

Sub: Processing for Works Programme 2020-21 on Indian Railways.

1. The annual exercise of Works Programme for the financial year 2020-21 is required to be undertaken by the Railways.

2. Railways' focus should be on completion of already sanctioned works so as to complete them in a time bound manner and utilize the investment made by railways. A new work should be proposed only when railway is of the view that proposed work cannot be deferred for next year, duly considering the objectives to be achieved next year.

3. The status of existing liabilities in the form of 'Throw-Forward' for each Plan Head as available on the IRPSM should be used for planning of new works.

4. Board desires that in order to reduce throw forward, a review should be done for such sanctioned works which have not been commenced till now in spite of lapse of considerable time. Such works might have lost relevance in the present scenario and need to be dropped.

5. From year 2018-19, the concept of Umbrella works has been introduced. The very purpose of umbrella work, in addition to have flexibility to sanction works throughout the year, is to channelize railway investments in identified focus areas. The detailed procedure to deal with these works has already been issued vide Board’s letter No. 2017/CE-I/WP/2018-19/1 Pt. dt. 19.07.18, 07.08.2018 & 30.09.2019.

6. The procedure to process Works Programme 2020-21 in Board’s office is as under:

   a) *The new works shall be sanctioned only as umbrella work.*

   b) *The name and cost of each umbrella work shall be proposed by nodal directorate for finalization of the same jointly by Executive Directors of nodal directorate in consultation with associate directorate and associate finance directorate. While arriving at the name and cost of proposed umbrella works, individual works proposed by railway shall also be considered by nodal directorate.*

   c) *Under Plan Head 16, 17, 18, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 42, 51, 53, 64 & 65; individual works in any umbrella work can be sanctioned in subsequent financial years also till the cost limit of umbrella work is exhausted for approval of individual works. When approval of individual works under Phase I of an umbrella work is near completion, then only Phase II of the same name umbrella work is to be planned for sanction, if needed.*
7. Since no individual work shall be sanctioned in WP 2020-21 and all individual works under sanctioned umbrella shall be approved by competent authority with due procedure in terms of policy instructions to deal with Umbrella Work, there shall not be any pre-requisite of concurrence by ZR/PU's finance for individual works being proposed by zonal railway/PU to Board's office; for finalizing the name and cost of umbrella works for WP 2020-21.

8. Zonal railways/PU's should limit their works proposals, as the new umbrellas shall generally be lower than the previous year by at least 50% (except for safety works).

9. Accordingly, Railways/PU's should submit Vol-II containing new proposals of individual works to Board's office latest by 30th November, 2019, for Works Programme 2020-21.

10. The Vol.-I & Vol.-III for on-going works and other volumes of Works Programme may be submitted on IRPSM latest by 15th December 2019.

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