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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(RAILWAY BOARD)  
RAIL BHAVAN, NEW DELHI-110001

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**No. 2017/CE-IV/LX/Misc./244 (LCs) Pt.**

**New Delhi, dated, 06.01.2023**

**General Manager,  
All Zonal Railways**


**Subject: ROB/RUB works in lieu of Level Crossings.**

High priority has been assigned for elimination of level crossing by ROB/RUB by Indian Railways. Progress till end of Dec'2022 is well below proportionate targets in number and in terms of expenditure under PH30. Budget allotment for PH30 for 2022-23 was enhanced by about 30% above expenditure in FY2021-22. There is a need to scale up the progress now and coming years substantially. However, to facilitate improved and faster delivery of these projects number of steps has been advised and/or now suggested are;

1. Change in policy of cost of ROB/RUB works in lieu of level crossings vide **No. 2017/CE-IV/LX/Misc./244 (LCs) Pt.** dtd 29.07.2022:
  - a. 100% cost by Railways for all such works as per railway's priority.
  - b. 100% cost by state/ sponsoring agency for other such works as per state's priority.
  - c. Change in cost sharing pattern for works already sanctioned on 50/50 sharing basis to 100% cost by Railways, if cost sharing by the State Govt is not forthcoming, where LC elimination work is as per Railways' priority.
  - d. Other enabling provisions to tackle change in policy and other identified issues.
2. DPR preparation has been made mandatory as per latest policy: DPR of all new planned priority works for elimination of level crossings to be processed/under process of sanction should be taken up immediately and should be finalized/approved and submitted before sanction of works under UW. This will minimize the cases of non-feasible works getting sanctioned, and works in a position to be taken up quickly after sanction.
3. Elimination of all level crossings on GQ/GD, 160kmph routes: This is to be taken up on mission mode. This is very big task to be taken up in right earnest instead. LC elimination works for all these level crossings must be got sanctioned on priority.
4. Deletion of those works, which are not feasible as proposed and can't be taken up with minor modifications should be dropped and deleted from IRPSM including those sanctioned under DRM's LS powers as well.
5. System of regular meetings with NHAI/MORTH and State PWD etc by Zonal HQ for resolution of issues need to be adhered to and its outcome monitored.
6. System of regular meetings between General Manager and Chief Secretary of states for resolution of issues need to be adhered to and its outcome monitored.

7. Though instructions have been issued for assigning works to various executing agencies (within Railway and/or with state Govt), General Managers has been empowered to assign these works to various executing agencies considering quantum of work expected with zonal railway, whereby not only the progress is maintained but scaled up substantially in coming years.
8. Carrying out these works on single entity basis as far as possible need to be emphasized.
9. A suitable mechanism may also be developed by Zonal Railway with single nodal point in HQ for all LC elimination works over Zonal Railway.
10. Powers have been given to Zonal Railways to supplement resources through outsourcing/ consultancy services etc., which may be used wherever considered necessary.

In light of above, it is requested that Zonal Railways may like to review the systems in place and make suitable changes in system, if necessary with the aim for faster resolution of matters and system is geared towards scaled up and faster realisation of aim of "Elimination of level crossings over IR".

  
06.01.2023  
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No. 2022/CE-IV/ PH-30/Umb 22-23 /NR (PB-467)

New Delhi, dated 28.12.2022

Principal Chief Engineer  
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**Sub: Powers of Zonal Railways to sanction work under PH-30**

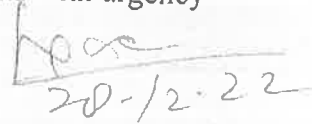
**Ref: CE/RC/NR's letter No.260-W/1360/WP/Br. S&D dated 07.12.22.**

The points brought out in the above note have been gone through at Board. Though on the face of it, it might appear justified, nothing has been brought out to justify such undisciplined sanction. Only because the software allowed it, this cannot be a justification, as NR had to see the throw forward liability, funds availability etc. while sanctioning the works. Rules are very clear that works can be sanctioned up to the limit for which funds are available or likely to be made available. It is noted that lump sum provision was available only to the tune of Rs 11 Cr against which an amount of Rs 244 Cr has been sanctioned.

PCE/NR may like to inquire as why no fiscal discipline was enforced and whether such unlimited sanction without any consideration for funds availability is allowed under MOF (DEA)'s instructions and MOR's rules. This proposal can only be considered **subject to** funds availability for this amount, therefore linking the target date of completion for matching the funds availability, for the year.

There is an alternate option as the works have been wrongly sanctioned in deviation of the rules. NR may examine and clarify as to why the sanction of these works cannot be cancelled. If the works are necessary, these can be freshly sanctioned under a suitable umbrella. Moreover, if adequate provision is not available under the umbrella work, railway may obtain sanction of suitable umbrella work in Works Program 2023-24. It should not be encouraged to sanction works in deviation of rules and regulations and seek post-facto regularization.

In view of above subject proposal is returned for compliance of above items with urgency of matter.

  
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