

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2023/F(X)II/10/13

New Delhi, dated 22/05/2023.

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.
MD/CRIS.

Sub: Procedure for release of funds to CRIS for O&M activities.

Ref: i. Board's letter No. 2014/C&IS/Misc/Revenue Budget/2 dated 31.08.2015.

ii. Board's letter No. 2013/C&IS/Committee/CRIS/4 dated 24.04.2014.

In view of the difficulties expressed by CRIS with respect to O&M related activities of the development projects & for making hassle free and timely release of payments, the existing procedure for release of funds to CRIS has been reviewed and a simplified procedure has been approved by Board, in supersession to the letters under reference, as indicated below:

- (i) Henceforth all O&M estimates will be processed through C&IS Directorate and will be vetted by F(X) Directorate of Board's office. CRIS will submit detailed estimates alongwith combined summary with the approval of MD/CRIS.
- (ii) CRIS should process combined O&M estimate for a period of 1 year at least 3 months prior to the start of the financial year. The estimate should clearly provide half yearly expenditure.
- (iii) Railway Board will communicate sanction before the start of the financial year.
- (iv) The sanction of the estimates will be done at Board's office and a sanction memorandum will be issued. Sanction memorandum should have half yearly breakup to enable PAO to pass the bills.
- (v) No MoU would require to be signed.
- (vi) Once the sanction is communicated to CRIS, CRIS would raise invoice half yearly. CRIS would also provide Railway-wise distribution of this amount for raising of debit. This distribution should be based on last year OWE of each Railway.
- (vii) The bill for payment of O&M shall be processed through respective Nodal Officers of Northern Railways before submitting the same to C&IS Directorate.
- (viii) PAO/Railway Board would release this amount to CRIS and would raise debit to various Railways as per distribution given by CRIS.

- (ix) If the amount of the invoice for a half year is less than the sanctioned amount no further vetting/concurrence would be required. However, in case of any excess, fresh vetting/concurrence of F(X) directorate will be required.
- (x) CRIS will maintain project-wise accountal of O&M release as well as expenditure at all times.
- (xi) Budgeting will continue as per existing practice.
- (xii) This procedure will be applicable for O&M of 2023-24 onwards for which funds have not been released. All O&M of previous years for which funds have not been released will also be processed as per this procedure after adjusting balance already available with CRIS for various O&M projects.
- (xiii) Same procedure will be adopted for release of COMEX (Common Expenditure) of CRIS.

2. This issues in consultation with C &IS Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.



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i. PFAs, all Indian Railways.

ii. Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General of India/Railways, Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.



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