Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

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General Manager.  
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Execution of New Line, gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects.

Ref: (i) Board’s letters of even number dated 30.11.2018 on EPC Contract.  

Railway Board vide letter under reference (i) has issued instructions to Zonal Railways to call tenders in EPC mode. As, EPC tenders need exhaustive planning, there is need of proper planning at Zonal Railway level before inviting EPC tender to avoid delay and litigation in future.

1. To streamline the procedure, Railways/Executive Agency are advised to approve/finalise the following drawings/documents before inviting EPC tenders:-
   - Alignment and Longitudinal section of the project.
   - General Arrangements Drawings of Important bridges /Major bridges/Minor Bridges/ROBs / RUBs /LHS/FOBs.
   - Design Basis Report for Important Bridges.
   - Engineering Scale Plans (ESPs).
   - Signal Interlocking Plans (SIPs).
   - Cable Route Plans.
   - Layout Plans for Buildings etc.

2. Shifting of Utilities:

All the utilities are to be shifted in advance before calling EPC Tender to the extent possible. For this, separate agency may also be fixed.

3. Procedure & Timeline for approval of ESPs & SIPs:-
   - Executing agency will request ADRM for proposing Divisional requirements to be incorporated in the Proposed / Existing Yard.
   - ADRM will indicate the Divisional requirements in the yards to the Executing Agencies within 10 days of receipt of requisition from Executing Agency.
   - Division should approve the ESPs within 15 days of submission of ESPs by the Executing Agency.
   - Zonal Headquarter should approve ESPs within 15 days of submission by Division office.
   - Zonal Headquarter should finalize and approve SIPs within 21 days of approval of ESPs.
   - For the approval of ESPs/SIPs, ADRM will be coordinator at Divisional level and AGM at the Headquarters level.

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4. Method statement:

In case of Doubling/3rd line/4th line, Method Statement and Sequence of working including Yard Remodelling should be prepared and got approved from Zonal Railway Head quarter before Calling of EPC Tender. AGM of Railway will coordinate.

5. Detailed Project Report (DPR):

DPR of the Projects should be realistic and should be updated by Executing Agency, if required.

6. Submission of Land Plans & forestry clearances applications:-

- After sanction of the project, Executing agency has to submit complete land acquisition proposals to state revenue authorities for land acquisition and upload forestry/wild life clearance proposals where ever required on MoEF’s website within the following timelines:-

- Projects upto 100 km length : 3 months
- Projects more than 100 km length : 6 months

7. For New Line works, instructions have already been issued vide letter under reference(ii) stipulating that issue of tenders or commencement of physical work for New Line projects shall be taken up only after completion of land acquisition.

8. Above instructions should be followed for Non-EPC tenders as well.

   This has the approval of Board (ME, MT, FC and CRB).

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Copy to:

(i) CMDs of IRCON, RITES & RVNL for information please.
(ii) CAO/Cs of Zonal Railways for information & necessary action.