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Sub: Speed Policy framework for Indian Railways.

Ref: Railway Railway’s letter No. 2017/Mobility/2/3 dated 08/12.06.2018.

1. Following policy guidelines regarding New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling were issued vide Railway Board letter mentioned above:

“For new line construction, track geometry should be for 160kmph and minimum MPS on opening should be 130kmph. There should be no level crossings on new lines. For Gauge Conversion/Doubling/3rd line etc. minimum MPS should be 130kmph with no unmanned level crossings.”

2. Representations have been received in Railway Board from different Zonal Railways regarding adopting these instructions due to problems of land acquisitions near the existing lines for flattening of curvature in case of DL, 3rd line projects. Further there will be time and cost overrun for EBR funded as well as NL projects in case these instructions are strictly adopted.

3. Matter has been deliberated in the Board and it has been decided that the directions issued vide Railway Board letter mentioned above should be treated as a policy frame work only. Each case may be examined on its own merits and CAO/C may take a reasoned decision for departure from Policy frame work. Clearance of Plans and estimates should not be delayed once CAO/C has taken a decision.

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

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