CAO(Con),
All Indian Railways.

Sub: 77 Doubling, Two New Lines, one Gauge Conversion projects Proposed in Budget 2015-16.

Ref: 1) Board’s letters of even No. dt. 23.03.2015
2) Board’s letter No 2013/W-I/Genl./Survey/Budget dtd. 01.04.2015

Detail guidelines alongwith timeframe for submission of DPRs were conveyed vide letter under ref.(1) and subsequently sanction for carrying out FLS was conveyed vide letter under ref.(2). Some of the Zonal Railways have expressed doubt and concern that the two letters are contradicting each other. In this regard it is clarified that letter dated 23.03.2015 gives the timeframe for preparation of DPRs covering Detailed Estimate based on site surveys and approved yard plans, Traffic projections & ROR, present & completion cost, yearly cash flow etc. All these are required for seeking requisite approvals. Vide letter dated 1/4/15, sanction of FLS was conveyed to authorize Railways to incur expenditure wherever require as no expenditure can be incurred against these projects before obtaining necessary approval. Various activities which are covered in the sanction/authorization have been enumerated in the letter and at this stage only those activities required for preparation of DPR have to be carried out for.

Activities such as Geotechnical Investigations, Detailed Design etc. can be taken up subsequently. Traffic survey/projections and calculation of ROR have to be carried out in conventional way and Financial Consultants need not be associated at this stage. Since all these projects are to be financed through Loan from Financial Institutions and other agencies, Financial appraisal report mentioned at Note No. 4 of letter dated 1.04.2015 will be required if insisted upon by the lending agencies and the same will be prepared only after decision whether to prepare report project wise or route wise is taken by Railway Board.