The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.
General Manager/Con./NFR

Sub:- Reiteration of guidelines for Preparation of DPRs in respect of 77 capacity augmentation projects sanctioned in Budget’2015-16.
Ref:- Railway Board’s letter No. No.2015/W-I/Genl./Corr.GM Dated 23.03.2015

During examination of DPRs of few of the Railways, DPR Committee has unanimously observed that the DPRs submitted have been found to be incomplete and wanting in many respects. None of the DPRs had traffic report and the estimates submitted were not as per relevant paras Engineering Code making it extremely difficult to be examined. The Detailed Estimates have been prepared with total disregard to the instructions conveyed vide Para 5 of Railway Board’s letter No. 2015/W-I/Genl./Corr. GM dated dated 23.03.2015. This is true in respect of all estimate sub-heads.

Large number of quarters, service buildings, S&T buildings, unnecessary backups and other facilities have been included in the estimate. Middle lines have been made bi-directional resulting in unnecessary increase in S&T cost. Cost of RE works have also been found to be much above the average prevailing cost in the area. Replacement of level crossings by RUBs/ROBs have been proposed, whereas, only those RUBs/ROBs which are required specifically for the project due to infringements or in major yards should be proposed in the estimate. All the remaining ROBs/RUBs should be processed under relevant plan heads under cost sharing with State Govt. or otherwise. ROBs and RUBs are charged to safety funds on which no dividend is to be paid. Charging ROBs and RUBs to the doubling projects financed through EBR (IF) will entail unnecessary payment of interest and alongwith repayment of the principle amount.

The extract of the relevant paras of the letter under reference is reproduced below:-

"Since funds to be utilized for these projects will be raised through loans from market, utmost care needs to be taken while preparing detailed estimates. It should be ensured that only those items that are directly connected to the proposed Works are included in the estimate. If it is felt that after commissioning of Doubling Tripling/ Quadrupling, certain additional facilities may be required, these may be proposed as separate works under relevant Plan Heads............................"

Therefore, it has been desired by Competent Authority that utmost care should be taken by Railways to ensure that infructuous items are not loaded on the project and Railway should attach a certificate in this regard duly signed by the respective heads(Chiefs) along with covering letter for the DPRs.

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