

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2021/2/CE-III/BR/1/Bridge Policy

New Delhi Dated: 19.07.2021

Principal Chief Engineer, Chief Administrative Officer (Con.), All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Approval of GADs and design of bridges being constructed by PSUs.

Ref: (i) Board letter No. 99/CE-I/Misc./23(IRBM) Pt I dated 17.05.2013.

- (ii) Board letter No. 2017/CE-I/CT/13/Procedure Simplification dated 14.01.2020 (ACS No. 38 to IRBM).
- (iii) Board letter No. 2021/2/CE-III/BR/1/Policy dated 17.05.2021.
- (iv) ECR letter No. ECR/CAO/C/S/Misc. dated 25.06.2021.

Large numbers of Railway projects are being executed by various Public Sector Units (PSUs). Many Zonal Railways have represented that uniform practice is not being followed by PSUs regarding approval of GADs, Designs and Launching Schemes for bridge works being executed by them.

It has already been issued vide ref. (iii) that mandatory provisions given in codes/manuals shall prevail over relevant clauses of MOU with PSUs which are at variance with codal/manual provisions.

Further, Detailed guidelines have been given in Para 317 of IRBM modified vide ACS 38 dated 14.01.2020 for approval of GAD, Design & Launching scheme of bridge works which supersedes all earlier instructions on the subject.

It is reiterated that instructions given in letter dated 17.05.2021 and provisions of the Para 317 of IRBM should be followed strictly without any exception by Railways and all PSUs.

Director CE (B&S)

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