

JOINT PROCEDURE ORDER

Sub: - Elimination of level crossings in connection with new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects.

Ref: Railway Board's letter No.2006/CE/IV/LX/WP/1 dated 9-1-12 & 3-4-12
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- 1) As per the Railway Board's policy, Level Crossings are to be minimized in the new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects. It is mandatory to take personal approval of General Manager for provision/continuation of any manned level crossing and of Member Engineering/Rly Board for any unmanned level crossing.
- 2) In case of new line projects, elimination of the level crossings will have to be taken care of by the Construction Organization. However, for the existing manned and unmanned level crossings in gauge conversion/ doubling projects and yard of originating stations of new line projects, joint effort is required by both, Open line and Construction, for elimination of level crossings. The action to be taken by the Open line and Construction organization shall be as under:

i) Joint Survey:

(a) Sectional Sr.DEN/DEN and concerned DyCE/C will carry out Joint Survey/ Inspection of each manned and unmanned level crossing, to explore possibility of its elimination by closer/diversion or by construction of RUB / ROB duly taking into account height of bank/cutting, drainage arrangements, encroachment/habitation, in and outside railway land, availability of nearby road for diversion etc. Joint Survey Report will be prepared suitably.

(b) In case, elimination of the level crossings is not feasible, the reason for the same shall be clearly mentioned.

(c) The level crossings whose TVU is already qualifying and likely to qualify in next two years for provision of ROB, the same shall be processed for sanction on cost sharing basis.

ii) Preparation of Plans/GADs:

Based on the Joint Survey Report and consultation/ joint survey with state government authorities, detailed feasibility cum alignment plan will be prepared and got approved by Open line. Based on the above plan, the GADs will be prepared by the executing agency.

iii) Consent of district administration:

The consent of district administration for elimination of L.C. by closure / diversion / RUB / ROB will be processed and obtained by Open line.

iv) Sanction of Commissioner of Railway Safety for closure of level crossings:

Open line will process for the sanction of Commissioner of Railway safety for closure of manned /un-manned level crossings.

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v) **Temporary continuance of Level Crossings:**

For the projects which have already been completed or is in advance stage of completion (i.e. targeted projects of 2012-13), in order to avoid delay in commissioning of project, Construction organization will propose for continuance of existing level crossings in GC and doubling project for approval of G.M. for manned level crossings and Member (Engg.) for unmanned level crossings (if manning is not feasible) till the same is replaced by ROB/RUBs/manning/diversion of road etc.

For further projects to be targeted in 2013-14 onwards, Construction Organisation will provide the opening (box etc) for RUB below the new track in case of doubling at identified locations.

vi) **Sanction of Estimates:**

a) As per para-4 of Railway Board's letter dated 9-1-12 referred above, for the new line / gauge conversion and doubling projects which are already completed/nearing completion (i.e. targeted projects of 2012-13) and detailed estimate/revised estimate has already been sanctioned, new works of diversion and RUB/ROB will be proposed by Open line for approval under GM's power / Railway Board's power for elimination of L.C.'s, under plan head PH-29 and PH-30.

b) For the new line / gauge conversion and doubling projects which are already approved, however, detailed estimate has yet not been sanctioned, the new works of diversion and RUB shall be included in the detailed estimate/revised estimate by Construction Organization as stipulated in para 3 of Railway Board's letter dated 9-1-12 referred above. In the case of gauge conversion and doubling projects, the ROB's will be processed by Open line for approval under GM's power / Railway Board's power for elimination of L.C.'s, under plan head PH-29 and PH-30.

vii) **Execution of works:**

a) Construction of RUBs:

i) For the gauge conversion and new line projects, the RUB will be constructed by the Construction organization.

ii) For the doubling projects, the RUB on existing line will be executed by the Open line unless otherwise agreed upon.

b) Construction of ROB's:

The ROB's shall be constructed by Construction organization unless otherwise agreed upon.

3. Commissioning of projects shall not be held up for want of elimination of level crossings.

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