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1. A committee of Executive Directors was constituted by Railway Board to examine and review the existing Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract, July 2014. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, Board (ME, FC) has approved new Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract, November 2018 (GCC, Nov 2018).

2. The GCC, Nov 2018 has been uploaded on Railway Board's website. It may be accessed through the path: www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard >> "About Indian Railways" >> "Railway Board Directorates" >> "Civil Engineering" >> "Policy Matters" >> IR General Conditions of Contract, Nov 2018".

3. The GCC, Nov 2018 shall be applicable to works contracts on Indian Railways with prospective effect.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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PART I

REGULATIONS FOR TENDERS AND CONTRACTS

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS FOR WORKS CONTRACTS

MEANING OF TERMS

1.0 Applicability: These Conditions of Contract shall be applicable for all the tenders and Contracts of Railways for execution of Works as defined in GFR 2017.

1.01 Order of Precedence of Documents: In a tender/contract, in case of any difference, contradiction, discrepancy, with regard to Conditions of tender/contract, Specifications, Drawings, Bill of quantities etc., forming part of the tender/contract, the following shall be the order of precedence:

i. Letter of Award

ii. Schedule of Items, Rates & Quantities

iii. Special Conditions of Contract

iv. Technical Specifications as given in tender documents

v. Drawings

vi. Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract

vii. Indian Railways Unified Standard Specifications (Works and Material) updated with correction slips issued up to date of opening of tender

viii. IR Specifications/Guidelines

ix. Relevant B.I.S. Codes

1.1 Interpretation: These Regulations for Tenders and Contracts shall be read in conjunction with the Standard General Conditions of Contract which are referred to herein and shall be subject to modifications additions or suppression by special conditions of contract and/or special specifications, if any, annexed to the Tender Forms.

1.2 Definition: In these Regulations for Tenders and Contracts the following terms shall have the meanings assigned hereunder except where the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Railway" shall mean the President of the Republic of India or the Administrative Officers of the Railway or Successor Railway authorized to deal with any matters, which these presents are concerned on his behalf.

(b) "General Manager" shall mean the Officer-in-Charge of the general superintendence and control of the Zonal Railway/Production Units and shall also include Addl. General Manager, the General Manager (Construction) and shall mean and include their successors, of the Successor Railway.

(c) "Chief Engineer" shall mean the Officer in charge of the Engineering Department of Railway and shall also include the Chief Engineer (Construction), Chief Electrical Engineer, Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Construction), Chief Mechanical Engineer and shall mean and include their successors of the Successor Railway.

(d) "Divisional Railway Manager" shall mean the Officer in charge of a Division of the Zonal Railway and shall mean and include the Divisional Railway Manager of the Successor Railway.

(e) "Engineer" shall mean the Divisional Engineer or the Executive Engineer, Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Divisional Electrical Engineer, Divisional Mechanical Engineer in executive charge of the works and shall include the superior officers of Open Line and Construction organisations on the Railway of the Engineering, Signal & Telecom, Mechanical and Electrical Departments, i.e. the Senior Divisional Engineer/Deputy Chief Engineer/Chief Engineer, Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer / Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer and shall mean & include the Engineers of the Successors Railway.

(f) "Tenderer" shall mean the person / the firm / co-operative or company whether incorporated or not who tenders for the works with a view to execute the works on contract with the Railway and shall include their personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns.

(g) "Limited Tenders" shall mean tenders invited from all or some Contractors on the approved or select list of Contractors with the Railway.

(h) "Open Tenders" shall mean the tenders invited in open and public manner and with adequate notice.

(i) "Works" shall mean the works contemplated in the drawings and schedules set forth in the tender forms and required to be executed according to the specifications.

(j) "Specifications" shall mean the Specifications for Materials and Works of the Railway as specified under the authority of the Ministry of Railways or Chief Engineer or as amplified, added to or superseded by special specifications if any, appended to the Tender Forms.

(k) "Schedule of Rates of the Railway" shall mean the Schedule of Rates issued under the authority of the Chief Engineer from time to time.

(l) "Drawings" shall mean the maps, drawings, plans and tracings or prints thereof annexed to the Tender Forms.

(m) 'Contractor's authorized Engineer' shall mean a graduate Engineer having more than 3 years experience in the relevant field of construction work involved in the contract, duly approved by the Engineer.

1.3 Words importing the singular number shall also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.

CREDENTIALS OF CONTRACTORS

2. Application for Registration:

2.1 Works of construction and of supply of material shall be entrusted for execution to Contractors whose capabilities and financial status have been investigated and approved to the satisfaction of the Railway. For this purpose, list of approved Contractors shall be maintained in the Railway. The said list be revised periodically once in a year or so by giving wide publicity through advertisements etc. A Contractor including a Contractor who is already on the approved list shall apply to the concerned General Manager (Construction) / Chief Administrative Officer (Construction) / Principal Chief Engineer / Principal Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer / Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Divisional Railway Manager, furnishing particulars regarding:

(a) his position as an independent Contractor specifying Engineering organization available with details or Partners / Staff / Engineers employed with qualifications and experience;

(b) his capacity to undertake and carry out works satisfactorily as vouched for by a responsible official or firm, with details about the transport equipments, construction tools and plants etc., required for the work maintained by him;

(c) his previous experience of works similar to that to be contracted for, in proof of which original certificates or testimonials may be called for and their genuineness verified, if needs be, by reference to the signatories thereof;

(d) his knowledge from actual personal investigation of the resources of the area/zone or zones in which he offers to work;

(e) his ability to supervise the work personally or by competent and duly authorized agent;

(f) his financial position;

2.2 An applicant shall clearly state the categories of works and the Area/Zone/Division(s)/District(s) in which he desires registration in the list of approved Contractors.

2.3 The selection of Contractors for enlistment in the approved list would be done by a Committee for different value of slabs as notified by Railway.

2.4 An annual fee as prescribed by the Railway from time to time would be charged from such approved Contractors to cover the cost of sending notices to them and clerkage for tenders etc. Notices shall be sent to them on registered e-mail address and registered postal address.

TENDERS FOR WORKS

3. Tender Form: Tender Forms shall embody the contents of the contract documents either directly or by reference and shall be as per specimen form, Annexure-I.

4. Omissions & Discrepancies: Should a tenderer find discrepancies in or omissions from the drawings or any of the Tender Forms or should he be in doubt as to their meaning, he should at once notify the authority inviting tenders. The tender inviting authority may, if deemed necessary, clarify the same to all tenderers. It shall be understood that every endeavour has been made to avoid any error which can materially affect the basis of tender and successful tenderer shall take upon himself and provide for the risk of any error which may subsequently be discovered and shall make no subsequent claim on account thereof.

5. Earnest Money:

(1) (a) The tenderer shall be required to deposit earnest money with the tender for the due performance with the stipulation to keep the offer open till such date as specified in the tender, under the conditions of tender. The earnest money shall be as under:

Value of the Work	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
For works estimated to cost up to ₹ 1 crore	2% of the estimated cost of the work
For works estimated to cost more than ₹ 1 crore	₹ 2 lakh plus ½% (half percent) of the excess of the estimated cost of work beyond ₹ 1 crore subject to a maximum of ₹ 1 crore

Note:

(i) The earnest money shall be rounded to the nearest ₹100. This earnest money shall be applicable for all modes of tendering.

(ii) Any firm recognized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) as 'Startups' shall be exempted from payment of earnest money deposit detailed above.

(b) It shall be understood that the tender documents have been issued to the tenderer and the tenderer is permitted to tender in consideration of stipulation on

his part, that after submitting his tender he will not resile from his offer or modify the terms and conditions thereof in a manner not acceptable to the Engineer. Should the tenderer fail to observe or comply with the said stipulation, the aforesaid amount shall be liable to be forfeited to the Railway.

(c) If his tender is accepted this earnest money mentioned in sub clause (a) above will be retained as part security for the due and faithful fulfillment of the contract in terms of Clause 16 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract. The Earnest Money of other Tenderers shall, save as herein before provided, be returned to them, but the Railway shall not be responsible for any loss or depreciation that may happen thereto while in their possession, nor be liable to pay interest thereon.

(2) The Earnest Money shall be deposited in cash through e-payment gateway or as mentioned in tender documents.

6. Care in Submission of Tenders:

(a) (i) Before submitting a tender, the tenderer will be deemed to have satisfied himself by actual inspection of the site and locality of the works, that all conditions liable to be encountered during the execution of the works are taken into account and that the rates he enters in the tender forms are adequate and all inclusive to accord with the provisions in Clause-37 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract for the completion of works to the entire satisfaction of the Engineer.

(a)(ii) Tenderers will examine the various provisions of The Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(CGST)/ Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(IGST)/ Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(UTGST)/ respective state's State Goods and Services Tax Act (SGST) also, as notified by Central/State Govt. & as amended from time to time and applicable taxes before bidding. Tenderers will ensure that full benefit of Input Tax Credit (ITC) likely to be availed by them is duly considered while quoting rates.

(a)(iii) The successful tenderer who is liable to be registered under CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST Act shall submit GSTIN along with other details required under CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST Act to railway immediately after the award of contract, without which no payment shall be released to the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for deposition of applicable GST to the concerned authority.

(a)(iv) In case the successful tenderer is not liable to be registered under CGST/IGST/UTGST/ SGST Act, the railway shall deduct the applicable GST from his/their bills under reverse charge mechanism (RCM) and deposit the same to the concerned authority.

(b) When work is tendered for by a firm or company, the tender shall be signed by the individual legally authorized to enter into commitments on their behalf.

(c) The Railway will not be bound by any power of attorney granted by the tenderer or by changes in the composition of the firm made subsequent to the execution of the contract. It may, however, recognize such power of attorney and changes after obtaining proper legal advice, the cost of which will be chargeable to the Contractor.

6.1 The tenderers shall submit a copy of **notarized affidavit** on a non-judicial stamp paper stating that all their statements/documents submitted alongwith bid are true and factual. Standard format of the affidavit to be submitted by the bidder is enclosed as **Annexure-V.** Non submission of notarized affidavit by the bidder shall result in **summarily** rejection of his/their bid. It shall be mandatorily incumbent upon the tenderer to identify, state and submit the supporting documents duly self attested by which they/he is qualifying the Qualifying Criteria mentioned in the Tender Document.

CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS

7. Right of Railway to Deal with Tenders: The Railway reserves the right of not to invite tenders for any of Railway work or works or to invite open or limited tenders and when tenders are called to accept a tender in whole or in part or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning reasons for any such action.

7A. Two Packets System of Tendering: With a view to assess the tenders technically without being influenced by the financial bids, 'Two Packets System of tendering' shall be adopted wherein tender documents provide for the same.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

8. Execution of Contract Document: The Tenderer whose tender is accepted shall be required to appear in person at the office of General Manager/General Manager (Construction), Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), Divisional Railway Manager or concerned Engineer, as the case may be, or if tenderer is a firm or corporation, a duly authorized representative shall appear and execute the contract agreement within seven days of notice from Railways that the Contract Agreement is ready. The Contract Agreement shall be entered into by Railway only after submission of valid Performance Guarantee by the Contractor. Failure to do so shall constitute a breach of the agreement affected by the acceptance of the tender. In such cases the Railway may determine that such tenderer has abandoned the contract and there upon his tender and acceptance thereof shall be treated as cancelled and the Railway shall be entitled to forfeit the full amount of the Earnest Money and other dues payable to the Contractor under this contract. The failed Contractor shall be debarred from participating in the re-tender for that work.

9. Form of Contract Document: Every contract shall be complete in respect of the document it shall so constitute. Not less than 2 copies of the contract document shall be signed by the competent authority and the Contractor and one copy given to the Contractor.

(a) For Zone contracts, awarded on the basis of the percentage above or below the applicable Schedule of Rates for the whole or part of financial year, the contract agreement required to be executed by the tenderer whose tender is accepted shall be as per specimen form, Annexure-II. During the currency of the Zone Contract, work orders as per specimen form Annexures-III, for works not exceeding ₹ 5, 00,000 each, shall be issued by the Divisional Railway Manager / Executive Engineer under the agreement for Zone Contract.

(b) For contracts for specific works, the contract document required to be executed by the tenderer whose tender is accepted shall be an agreement as per specimen form Annexure- IV.

ANNEXURE - I

_____ RAILWAY

TENDER FORM (First Sheet)

Tender No. _____

Name of Work _____

To

The President of India

Acting through the _____ Railway

I/We _____ have read the various conditions to tender attached hereto and agree to abide by the said conditions. I/We also agree to keep this tender open for acceptance for a period of _____ days from the date fixed for opening the same and in default thereof, I/We will be liable for forfeiture of my/our "Earnest Money". I/We offer to do the work for _____ Railway, at the rates quoted in the attached schedule and hereby bind myself/ourselves to complete the work in all respects within _____ months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance of the tender.

2. I/We also hereby agree to abide by the Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract, with all correction slips up-to-date and to carry out the work according to the Special Conditions of Contract and Specifications of materials and works as laid down by Railway in the annexed Special Conditions/Specifications, Schedule of Rates with all correction slips up-to-date for the present contract.

3. A sum of ₹ _____ has already been deposited online as Earnest Money. Full value of the Earnest Money shall stand forfeited without prejudice to any other right or remedies in case my/our Tender is accepted and if:

(a) I/We do not submit the Performance Guarantee within the time specified in the Tender document;

(b) I/We do not execute the contract documents within seven days after receipt of notice issued by the Railway that such documents are ready; and

(c) I/We do not commence the work within fifteen days after receipt of orders to that effect.

4. (a) I/We am/are a Startup firm registered by …… Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and my registration number is ……. valid upto ……. (Copy enclosed) and hence exempted from submission of Earnest Money.

5. Until a formal agreement is prepared and executed, acceptance of this tender shall constitute a binding contract between us subject to modifications, as may be mutually agreed to between us and indicated in the letter of acceptance of my/our offer for this work.

Signature of Witnesses: _____

(1) _____ Signature of Tenderer(s)

(2) _____ Date _____

Address of the Tenderer(s)

_____

ANNEXURE - I (Contd. …)

TENDER FORM (Second Sheet)

1. Instructions to Tenderers and Conditions of Tender: The following documents form part of Tender / Contract:

(a) Tender Forms – First Sheet and Second Sheet

(b) Special Conditions/Specifications (enclosed)

(c) Schedule of approximate quantities (enclosed)

(d) Standard General Conditions of Contract and Standard Specifications (Works and Materials) of Indian Railways as amended/corrected upto latest correction slips, copies of which can be seen in the office of _____ or obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, _____ Railway on payment of prescribed charges.

(e) Schedule of Rates as amended / corrected upto latest correction slips, copies of which can be seen in the office of _____ or obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, _____ Railway on payment of prescribed charges.

(f) All general and detailed drawings pertaining to this work which will be issued by the Engineer or his representatives (from time to time) with all changes and modifications.

2. Drawings for the Work: The Drawing for the work can be seen in the office of the _____ and / or Chief Engineer, _____ Railway at any time during the office hours. The drawings are only for the guidance of Tenderer(s). Detailed working drawings (if required) based generally on the drawing mentioned above, will be given by the Engineer or his representative from time to time.

3. The Tenderer(s) shall quote his / their rates as a percentage above or below the Schedule of Rates of _____ Railway as applicable to _____ Division except where he/they are required to quote item rates and must tender for all the items shown in the Schedule of approximate quantities attached. The quantities shown in the attached Schedule are given as a guide and are approximate only and are subject to variation according to the needs of the Railway. The Railway does not guarantee work under each item of the Schedule. The tenderer(s) shall quote rates / rebates only at specified place in Tender Form supplied by Railway. Any revision of rates / rebates submitted (quoted) through a separate letter whether enclosed with the bid (Tender Form) or submitted separately or mentioned elsewhere in the document other than specified place shall be summarily ignored and will not be considered.

4. Tenders containing erasures and / or alterations of tender documents are liable to be rejected. Any correction made by tender(s) in his/their entries must be attested by him / them.

5. The works are required to be completed within a period of _____ months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.

6. Earnest Money:

(a) The tender must be accompanied by a sum of ₹ _____ as Earnest Money deposited in cash through e-payment gateway or as mentioned in tender documents, failing which the tender shall l not be considered. Any firm recognized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) as 'Startups' shall be exempted from payment of Earnest Money on submission of Registration Certificate issued by appropriate authority.

(b) The Tenderer(s) shall keep the offer open for a minimum period of 45 days (in case of two packet system of tendering 60 days) from the date of opening of the Tender. It is understood that the tender documents have been issued to the Tenderer(s) and the Tenderer(s), is / are permitted to tender in consideration of the stipulation on his / their part that after submitting his / their tender subject to the period being extended further, if required by mutual agreement from time to time, he will not resile from his offer or modify the terms and conditions thereof in a manner not acceptable to the Chief Engineer/Dy. Chief Engineer/Divisional Engineer of _____ Railway, Should the tenderer fail to observe or comply with the foregoing stipulation, the amount deposited as Earnest Money for the due performance of the above stipulation, shall be forfeited to the Railway.

(c) If his tender is accepted the earnest money mentioned in sub clause (a) above will be retained as part security for the due and faithful fulfillment of the contract in terms of Clause 16 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract. The Earnest Money of other Tenderers shall, save as herein before provided, be returned to them, but the Railway shall not be responsible for any loss or depreciation to the Earnest Money that may happen thereto-while in their possession, nor be liable to pay interest thereon.

(d) In case Contractor submits the Term Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee Bond towards full Security Deposit, the Railway shall return the Earnest Money so retained to the Contractor.

7. Rights of the Railway to deal with Tender: The authority for the acceptance of the tender will rest with the Railway. It shall not be obligatory on the said authority to accept the lowest tender or any other tender, and tenderer(s) shall neither demand any explanation for the cause of rejection of his/ their tender nor the Railway to assign reasons for declining to consider or reject any particular tender or tenders.

8. If the tenderer(s) deliberately gives / give wrong information in his / their tender or creates / create circumstances for the acceptance of his / their tender, the Railway reserves the right to reject such tender at any stage.

9. If the tenderer(s) expire(s) after the submission of his / their tender or after the acceptance of his / their offer, the Railway shall deem such tender cancelled. If a partner of a firm expires after the submission of their tender or after the acceptance of their tender, the Railway shall deem such tender as cancelled, unless the firm retains its character.

10. Eligibility Criteria:

10.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria:

(a) The tenderer must have successfully completed any of the following during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited:

Three similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or
Two similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of advertised value of the tender, or
One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of advertised value of the tender.

(b) (i) In case of composite works (e.g. works involving more than one distinct component, such as Civil Engineering works, S&T works, Electrical works, OHE works etc. and in the case of major bridges – substructure, superstructure etc.), tenderer must have successfully completed any of the following during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited:

Three similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of each component of tender, or
Two similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of advertised value of each component of tender, or
One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of advertised value of each component of tender.

Note: Separate completed works of minimum required values for each component can also be considered for fulfillment of technical eligibility criteria.

(b) (ii) In such cases, what constitutes a component in a composite work shall be clearly pre-defined with estimated tender cost of it, as part of the tender documents without any ambiguity. Any work or set of works shall be considered to be a separate component, only when cost of the component is more than ₹ 2 crore each.

10.2. Financial Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have received contractual payments in the previous three financial years and the current financial year upto the date of opening of tender, at least 150% of the advertised value of the tender. The tenderers shall submit Certificates to this effect which may be an attested Certificate from the concerned department / client and/or Audited Balance Sheet duly certified by the Chartered Accountant etc.

10.3. Bid Capacity: The tender/technical bid will be evaluated based on bid capacity formula detailed as Annexure-VI.

10.4 No Technical and Financial credentials are required for tenders having value up to Rs 50 lakh.

11. Tenderer Credentials:

Documents testifying tenderer previous experience and financial status should be produced alongwith the tender.

Tenderer(s) who is / are not borne on the approved list of the Contractors of _____ Railway shall submit alongwith his / their tender:

(i) Certificates and testimonials regarding contracting experience for the type of job for which tender is invited with list of works carried out in the past.

(ii) Certificates which may be an attested Certificate from the client, Audited Balance Sheet duly certified by the Chartered Accountant etc regarding contractual payments received in the past.

(iii) The list of personnel / organization on hand and proposed to be engaged for the tendered work. Similarly list of Plant & Machinery available on hand and proposed to be inducted and hired for the tendered work.

(iv) A copy of notarized affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper stating that they are not liable to be disqualified and all their statements/documents submitted alongwith bid are true and factual. Standard format of the affidavit to be submitted by the bidder is enclosed as Annexure-V. Non submission of a copy of notarised affidavit by the bidder shall result in summarily rejection of his/their bid. It shall be mandatorily incumbent upon the tenderer to identify, state and submit the supporting documents duly self attested by which they/he are/is qualifying the Qualifying Criteria mentioned in the Tender Document.

(v) The Railway reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the bidder in his tender offer, and the bidder shall, when so required by the Railway, make available all such information, evidence and documents as may be necessary for such verification. Any such verification or lack of such verification, by the Railway shall not relieve the bidder of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the Railway thereunder.

(vi) (a) In case of any information submitted by tenderer is found to be false forged or incorrect at any time during process for evaluation of tenders, it shall lead to forfeiture of the tender Earnest Money Deposit besides banning of business for a period of upto five years.

(b) In case of any information submitted by tenderer is found to be false forged or incorrect after the award of contract, the contract shall be terminated. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Performance Guarantee and Security Deposit available with the railway shall be forfeited. In addition, other dues of the contractor, if any, under this contract shall be forfeited and agency shall be banned for doing business for a period of upto five years.

12. Non-compliance with any of the conditions set forth therein above is liable to result in the tender being rejected.

13. Execution of Contract Documents: The successful Tenderer(s) shall be required to execute an agreement with the President of India acting through the _____, _____ Railway for carrying out the work according to Standard General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions / Specifications annexed to the tender and Standard Specifications ~~for~~ (Works and Materials) of Railway as amended/corrected upto latest correction slips, mentioned in tender form (First Sheet).

14. Partnership Deeds, Power of Attorney etc.:

(i) The tenderer shall clearly specify whether the tender is submitted on his own (Proprietary Firm) or on behalf of a Partnership Firm / company / Joint Venture (JV) / Registered Society / Registered Trust etc. The tenderer(s) shall enclose the attested copies of the constitution of their concern, and copy of PAN Card along with their tender. Tender Documents in such cases are to be signed by such persons as may be legally competent to sign them on behalf of the firm, company, association, trust or society, as the case may be.

(ii) In case tenderer is other than sole proprietorship firm, following documents shall be submitted by the tenderer:

(a) **Partnership Firm:** The tenderer shall submit (i) a copy of Partnership Deed and (ii) a copy of Power of Attorney (duly registered as per prevailing law) in favour of an individual to sign the tender documents and create liability against the Firm.

(b) **Joint Venture (JV):** The tenderer shall submit documents as mentioned in Clause 17 of the Tender Form (Second Sheet).

(c) **Company registered under Companies Act-2013:** The tenderer shall submit (i) the copies of **MOA (Memorandum of Association) / AOA (Articles of Association)** of the company; and (ii) A copy of Authorization/Power of Attorney issued by the Company (backed by the resolution of Board of Directors) in favour of the individual to sign the tender on behalf of the company and create liability against the company.

(d) **LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) Firm:** If the tender is submitted on behalf of a LLP Firm registered under LLP Act-2008, the tenderer shall submit alongwith the tender- (i) a copy of LLP Agreement, (ii) a copy of Certificate of Incorporation; and (iii) a copy of Power of Attorney/Authorisation issued by the LLP Firm in favour of the individual to sign the tender on behalf of the LLP Firm and create liability against the Firm.

(e) **Registered Society & Registered Trust:** The tenderer shall submit (i) a copy of the Certificate of Registration, (ii) Deed of Formation; and (iii) a copy of Power of Attorney in favour of the individual to sign the tender documents and create liability against the Society/Trust.

(iii) If it is NOT mentioned in the submitted tender that tender is being submitted on behalf of a Sole Proprietorship firm / Partnership firm / Joint Venture / Registered Company etc., then the tender shall be treated as having been submitted by the individual who has signed the tender.

(iv) After opening of the tender, any document pertaining to the constitution of Sole Proprietorship Firm / Partnership Firm / Registered Company/ Registered Trust / Registered Society etc. shall be neither asked nor considered, if submitted.

(v) A tender from JV / Partnership firm etc. shall be considered only where permissible as per the tender conditions.

(vi) The Railway will not be bound by any change in the composition of the firm made subsequent to the submission of tender. Railway may, however, recognize such power of attorney and changes after obtaining proper legal advice, the cost of which will be chargeable to the Contractor.

15. The tenderer whether sole proprietor, a company or a partnership firm / joint venture (JV) / registered society / registered trust etc if they want to act through agent or individual partner(s), should submit along with the tender, a copy of power of attorney duly stamped and authenticated by a Notary Public or by Magistrate in favour of the specific person whether he/they be partner(s) of the firm or any other person specifically authorizing him/them to submit the tender, sign the agreement, receive money, co-ordinate measurements through contractor's authorized engineer, witness measurements, sign measurement books, compromise, settle, relinquish any claim(s) preferred by the firm and sign "No Claim Certificate" and refer all or any disputes to arbitration.

16. Employment/Partnership etc. of Retired Railway Employees:

(a) Should a tenderer be a retired Engineer of the gazetted rank or any other gazetted officer working before his retirement, whether in the executive or administrative capacity or whether holding a pensionable post or not, in the Engineering or any other department of any of the railways owned and administered by the President of India for the time being, or should a tenderer being partnership firm / company / joint venture (JV) / registered society / registered trust etc have as one of its partners a retired Engineer or retired gazetted officer as aforesaid, or should a tenderer being an incorporated company have any such retired Engineer or retired officer as one of its directors or should a tenderer have in his employment any retired Engineer or retired gazetted officer as aforesaid, the full information as to the date of retirement of such Engineer or gazetted officer from the said service and in case where such Engineer or officer had not retired from government service at least 1 year prior to the date of submission of the tender as to whether permission for taking such contract, or if the Contractor be a partnership firm or an incorporated company, to become a partner or director as the case may be, or to take the employment under the Contractor, has been obtained by the tenderer or the Engineer or officer, as the case may be from the President of India or any officer, duly authorized by him in this behalf, shall be clearly stated in writing at the time of submitting the tender. Tenders without the information above referred to or a statement to the effect that no such retired Engineer or retired gazetted officer is so associated with the tenderer, as the case may be, shall be rejected.

(b) Should a tenderer or Contractor being an individual on the list of approved Contractors, have a relative(s) or in the case of partnership firm/ company / joint venture (jv) / registered society / registered trust etc. one or more of his shareholder(s) or a relative(s) of the shareholder(s) employed in gazetted capacity in the Engineering or any other department of the _____ railway, the authority inviting tenders shall be informed of the fact at the time of submission of tender, failing which the tender may be disqualified/rejected or if such fact subsequently comes to light, the contract may be rescinded in accordance with provision in clause 62 of standard general conditions of contract.

JOINT VENTURE (JV) IN WORKS TENDERS

17. Participation of Joint Venture (JV) in Works Tender: This Clause shall be applicable for works tenders wherein tender documents provide for the same.

17.1 Separate identity/name shall be given to the Joint Venture.

17.2 Number of members in a JV shall not be more than three, if the work involves only one department (say Civil or S&T or Electrical or Mechanical) and shall not be more than five, if the work involves more than one Department. One of the members of the JV shall be its Lead Member who shall have a majority (at least 51%) share of interest in the JV. The other members shall have a share of not less than 20% each in case of JV with upto three members and not less than 10% each in case of JV with more than three members. In case of JV with foreign member(s), the Lead Member has to be an Indian firm/company with a minimum share of 51%.

17.3 A member of JV shall not be permitted to participate either in individual capacity or as a member of another JV in the same tender.

17.4 The tender form shall be purchased and submitted only in the name of the JV and not in the name of any constituent member.

17.5 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited by JV or authorized person of JV through e-payment gateway or as mentioned in tender document.

17.6 A copy of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) duly executed by the JV members on a stamp paper, shall be submitted by the JV alongwith the tender. The complete details of the members of the JV, their share and responsibility in the JV etc. particularly with reference to financial, technical and other obligations shall be furnished in the MoU. (The MoU format for this purpose shall be finalized by the Railway in consultation with their Law Branch and shall be enclosed alongwith the tender).

17.7 Once the tender is submitted, the MoU shall not be modified / altered / terminated during the validity of the tender. In case the tenderer fails to observe/comply with this stipulation, the full Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be liable to be forfeited.

17.8 Approval for change of constitution of JV shall be at the sole discretion of the Railway. The constitution of the JV shall not be allowed to be modified after submission of the tender bid by the JV, except when modification becomes inevitable due to succession laws etc. and in any case the minimum eligibility criteria should not get vitiated. However, the Lead Member shall continue to be the Lead Member of the JV. Failure to observe this requirement would render the offer invalid.

17.9 Similarly, after the contract is awarded, the constitution of JV shall not be allowed to be altered during the currency of contract except when modification become inevitable due to succession laws etc. and minimum eligibility criteria should not get vitiated. Failure to observe this stipulation shall be deemed to be breach of contract with all consequential penal action as per contract conditions.

17.10 On award of contract to a JV, a single Performance Guarantee shall be submitted by the JV as per tender conditions. All the Guarantees like Performance Guarantee, Bank Guarantee for Mobilization Advance, Machinery Advance etc. shall be accepted only in the name of the JV and no splitting of guarantees amongst the members of the JV shall be permitted.

17.11 On issue of LOA (Letter of Acceptance), the members of the JV to whom the work has been awarded, shall form a legal entity if not already formed, which shall have the same shareholding pattern, as was declared in the MOU/JV Agreement submitted alongwith the tender. This entity shall be got registered before the Registrar of the Companies under 'The Companies Act -2011' (in case of Company) or before the Registrar/Sub-Registrar under the 'Registration Act, 1908' (in case of Partnership Firm) or under 'The LLP Act 2008' (in case of LLP). A separate PAN shall be obtained for this entity. The documents pertaining to this entity including its PAN shall be furnished to the Railways before signing the contract agreement for the work. In case the tenderer fails to observe/comply with this stipulation within 60 days of issue of LOA, contract is liable to be terminated. In case contract is terminated railway shall be entitled to forfeit the full amount of the Earnest Money Deposit and other dues payable to the Contractor under this contract. This Joint Venture Agreement shall have, inter-alia, following Clauses:

17.11.1 Joint And Several Liability - Members of the JV to which the contract is awarded, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Railway for execution of the project in accordance with General and Special Conditions of Contract. The JV members shall also be liable jointly and severally for the loss, damages caused to the Railways during the course of execution of the contract or due to non-execution of the contract or part thereof.

17.11.2 Duration of the Joint Venture Agreement - It shall be valid during the entire currency of the contract including the period of extension, if any and the maintenance period after the work is completed.

17.11.3 Governing Laws - The Joint Venture Agreement shall in all respect be governed by and interpreted in accordance with Indian Laws.

17.12 Authorized Member - Joint Venture members in the JV MoU shall authorize one of the members on behalf of the Joint Venture to deal with the tender, sign the agreement or enter into contract in respect of the said tender, to receive payment, to witness joint measurement of work done, to sign measurement books and similar such action in respect of the said tender/contract. All notices/correspondences with respect to the contract would be sent only to this authorized member of the JV.

17.13 No member of the Joint Venture shall have the right to assign or transfer the interest right or liability in the contract without the written consent of the other members and that of the Railway in respect of the said tender/contract.

17.14 Documents to be enclosed by the JV alongwith the tender:

17.14.1 In case one or more of the members of the JV is/are partnership firm(s), following documents shall be submitted:

(a) A copy of the Partnership Deed,

(b) A copy of consent of all the partners or individual authorized by partnership firm, to enter into the Joint Venture Agreement on a stamp paper,

(c) A copy of Power of Attorney (duly registered as per prevailing law) in favour of the individual to sign the MOU/JV Agreement on behalf of the partnership firm and create liability against the firm.

17.14.2 In case one or more members is/are Proprietary Firm or HUF, the following documents shall be enclosed:

A copy of notarized affidavit on Stamp Paper declaring that his/her Concern is a Proprietary Concern and he/she is sole proprietor of the Concern OR he/she is in position of "KARTA" of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and he/she has the authority, power and consent given by other partners to act on behalf of HUF.

17.14.3 In case one or more members of the JV is/are companies, the following documents shall be submitted:

(a) A copy of resolutions of the Directors of the Company, permitting the company to enter into a JV agreement,

(b) A copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

(c) A copy of Authorization/copy of Power of Attorney issued by the Company (backed by the resolution of Board of Directors) in favour of the individual to sign the tender, sign MOU/JV Agreement on behalf of the company and create liability against the company.

17.14.4 All the Members of JV shall certify that they are not blacklisted or debarred by Railways or any other Ministry / Department / PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) of the Govt. of India/State Govt. from participation in tenders/contract on the date of opening of bids either in their individual capacity or as a member of the JV in which they were/are members.

17.15 Credentials & Qualifying Criteria**:** Technical, financial eligibility and Bid capacity of the JV shall be adjudged based on satisfactory fulfillment of the following criteria:

17.15.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria ('a' or 'b' mentioned hereunder)**:**

(a) For Works without composite components

The technical eligibility for the work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'lead member of the JV'. Each other member of JV shall have technical capacity of minimum 10% of the cost of work.

(b) For works with composite components

(i) The technical eligibility for each component of work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'lead member of the JV'. Each other member of JV shall have technical capacity of minimum 10% of the cost of any component of work.

OR

(ii) The technical eligibility for major component of work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'lead member of the JV' and technical eligibility for other components of work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'any member of the JV'. Each other member of JV shall have technical capacity of minimum 10% of the cost of any component of work.

Note:

(a) The Major component of the work for this purpose shall be the component of work having highest value. In cases where value of two or more component of work is same, any one work can be classified as Major component of work.

(b) Value of a completed work done by a Member in an earlier JV shall be reckoned only to the extent of the concerned member's share in that JV for the purpose of satisfying his/her compliance to the above mentioned technical eligibility criteria in the tender under consideration.

17.15.2 Financial Eligibility Criteria

The JV shall satisfy the requirement of "Financial Eligibility" mentioned at para 10.2 above. The "financial capacity" of the lead partner of JV shall not be less than 51% of the financial eligibility criteria mentioned at para 10.2 above. The "financial capacity" of each of other partners (excluding lead partner) shall not be less than 10% of the financial eligibility criteria mentioned at para 10.2 above.

The arithmetic sum of individual "financial capacity" of all the members shall be taken as JV's "financial capacity" to satisfy this requirement.

Note: Contractual payment received by a Member in an earlier JV shall be reckoned only to the extent of the concerned member's share in that JV for the purpose of satisfying compliance of the above mentioned financial eligibility criteria in the tender under consideration.

17.15.3 Bid Capacity

The JV shall satisfy the requirement of "Bid Capacity" requirement mentioned at para 10.3 above. The arithmetic sum of individual "Bid capacity" of all the members shall be taken as JV's "Bid capacity" to satisfy this requirement.

18. Participation of Partnership Firms in works tenders:

18.1 The Partnership Firms participating in the tender should be legally valid under the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act.

18.2 The partnership firm should have been in existence or should have been formed prior to submission of tender. Partnership firm should have either been registered with the Registrar or the partnership deed should have been notarized prior to date of tender opening as per the Indian Partnership Act.

18.3 Separate identity / name should be given to the partnership firm. The partnership firm should have PAN / TAN number in its own name and PAN / TAN number in the name of any of the constituent partners shall not be considered. The valid constituents of the firm shall be called partners.

18.4 Once the tender has been submitted, the constitution of the firm shall not be allowed to be modified / altered / terminated during the validity of the tender as well as the currency of the contract except when modification becomes inevitable due to succession laws etc., in which case prior permission should be taken from Railway and in any case the minimum eligibility criteria should not get vitiated. The re-constitution of firm in such cases should be followed by a notary certified Supplementary Deed. The approval for change of constitution of the firm, in any case, shall be at the sole discretion of the Railways and the tenderer shall have no claims what-so-ever. Any change in the constitution of Partnership firm after opening of tender shall be with the consent of all partners and with the signatures of all partners as that in the Partnership Deed. Failure to observe this requirement shall render the offer invalid and full EMD shall be forfeited.

If any Partner/s withdraws from the firm after opening of the tender and before the award of the contract, the offer shall be rejected. If any new partner joins the firm after opening of tender but prior to award of contract, his / her credentials shall not qualify for consideration towards eligibility criteria either individually or in proportion to his share in the previous firm. In case the tenderer fails to inform Railway beforehand about any such changes / modification in the constitution which is inevitable due to succession laws etc. and the contract is awarded to such firm, then it will be considered a breach of the contract conditions liable for determination of the contract under Clause 62 of General Conditions of Contract.

18.5 A partner of the firm shall not be permitted to participate either in his individual capacity or as a partner of any other firm in the same tender.

18.6 The tender form shall be submitted only in the name of partnership firm. The EMD shall be deposited by partnership firm through e-payment gateway or as mentioned in tender document. The EMD submitted in the name of any individual partner or in the name of authorized partner (s) shall not be considered.

18.7 One or more of the partners of the firm or any other person (s) shall be designated as the authorized person (s) on behalf of the firm, who will be authorized by all the partners to act on behalf of the firm through a "Power of Attorney", specially authorizing him / them to submit & sign the tender, sign the agreement, receive payment, witness measurements, sign measurement books, make correspondences, compromise / settle / relinquish any claim (s) preferred by the firm, sign "No Claim Certificate", refer all or any dispute to arbitration and to take similar such action in respect of the said tender / contract. Such "Power of Attorney" shall be notarized / registered and submitted along with the tender.

18.8 On issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA) to the partnership firm, all the guarantees like Performance Guarantee, Guarantee for various Advances to the Contractor shall be submitted only in the name of the partnership firm and no splitting of guarantees among the partners shall be acceptable.

18.9 On issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA), contract agreement with partnership firm shall be executed in the name of the firm only and not in the name of any individual partner.

18.10 In case the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) is issued to a partnership firm, the following undertakings shall be furnished by all the partners through a notarized affidavit, before signing of contract agreement.

(a) Joint and several liabilities:

The partners of the firm to which the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) is issued, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Railway for execution of the contract in accordance with General and Special Conditions of the Contract. The partners shall also be liable jointly and severally for the loss, damages caused to the Railway during the course of execution of the contract or due to non-execution of the contract or part thereof.

(b) Duration of the partnership deed and partnership firm agreement:

The partnership deed/partnership firm agreement shall normally not be modified/altered/ terminated during the currency of contract and the maintenance period after the work is completed as contemplated in the conditions of the contract. Any change carried out by partners in the constitution of the firm without permission of Railway, shall constitute a breach of the contract, liable for determination of the contract under Clause 62 of the General Conditions of Contract.

(c) Governing laws: The partnership firm agreement shall in all respect be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the Indian laws.

(d) No partner of the firm shall have the right to assign or transfer the interest right or liability in the contract without the written consent of the other partner/s and that of the Railway.

18.11 The tenderer shall clearly specify that the tender is submitted on behalf of a partnership firm. The following documents shall be submitted by the partnership firm, with the tender:

(a) A copy of partnership deed.

(b) A copy of Power of Attorney (duly registered as per prevailing law) in favour of the individual to tender for the work, sign the agreement etc. and create liability against the firm.

(c) An undertaking by all partners of the partnership firm that they are not blacklisted or debarred by Railways or any other Ministry / Department of the Govt. of India / any State Govt. from participation in tenders / contracts as on the date of opening of bids, either in their individual capacity or in any firm in which they were / are partners. Concealment / wrong information in regard to above shall make the contract liable for determination under Clause 62 of the General Conditions of Contract.

18.12 **Evaluation of eligibility of a partnership firm:**

Technical and financial eligibility of the firm shall be adjudged based on satisfactory fulfillment of the eligibility criteria laid down in Clause 10 above by the partnership firm:

(Signature)

(Designation)

Signature of Tenderer(s) _____Railway

Date _____ Date _____

ANNEXURE - I (Contd. …)

TENDER FORM (Third Sheet)

Name of Work: _____

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND QUANTITIES

SL	Item No.	Description of Item of Work	Approximate Quantity	Unit	Rates in Figures and Words (₹)	Amount (₹)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The quantities shown in above Schedule are approximate and are as a guide to give the tenderer(s) an idea of quantum of work involved. The Railway reserves the right to increase/ decrease and/or delete or include any of the quantities given above and no extra rate will be allowed on this account.

I/We undertake to do the work at _____ % above/below the Schedule of Rates of the _____ Railway as applicable to _____ Division or at the rates quoted above for each item.

Dated _____

Signature of the Tenderer(s)

Note: Columns 1 to 5 shall be filled by the office of the Authority inviting tender. Columns 6 & 7 shall be filled by the Tenderer(s) only when percentage tenders are not invited.

ANNEXURE – II

AGREEMENT FOR ZONE CONTRACT

CONTRACT AGREEMENT No._____ DATED _____. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____ between the President of India acting through the _____, _____ Railway hereinafter called the "Railway" of the one part and _____ hereinafter called the "Contractor" of the other part.

WHEREAS the Contractor has agreed with the Railway during the period of _____ months from _____ to _____ for the performance of:

(a) New Works, additions and alterations to existing structures, special repair works and supply of building materials subject to the contract value for such works not exceeding ₹ _____.

(b) All ordinary repair and maintenance works at any site between kilometer _____ and kilometre _____ as will be set forth in the work orders (which work orders shall be deemed and taken to be part of this contract) that will be issued during the said period at _____% above/below the Schedule of Rates of the _____ Railway, corrected up to the latest correction slips and Standard Specifications of the _____ Railway corrected upto latest correction slips and the Special Conditions and Special Specifications, if any in conformity with the drawings (if any) that will be issued with the work order, aforesaid AND WHEREAS the performance of the said work is an act in which the public are interested.

NOW THIS INDENTURE PRESENTS WITNESSETH That in consideration of the payment to be made by the Railway, the Contractor will duly perform the works set forth in the said Work Order and shall execute the same with great promptness, care and accuracy, in a workman like manner to the satisfaction of the Railway and will complete the same on or before the respective dates specified therein in accordance with the said specifications and said drawings (if any) and said conditions of contract and will observe, fulfill and keep all the conditions therein mentioned, (which shall be deemed and taken to be part of this contract as if the same had been duly set forth herein), AND the Railway both here-by agree that if the Contractor shall duly perform the said work in the manner aforesaid and observe and keep the said terms and conditions, the Railway will pay or cause to be paid to the Contractor for the said works on the completion thereof the amount due in respect thereof at the rates specified above.

Contractor _____ Designation

Address _____ Railway _____

(For President of India)

Witnesses (to signature of Contractor):

Signature of witnesses with address _____

Date _____ _____

Signature of witnesses with address _____

Date _____ _____

_____

ANNEXURE - III

WORK ORDER UNDER ZONE CONTRACT

WORK ORDER NO._____, DATED _____ UNDER CONTRACT AGREEMENT NO._____ DATED _____.

Name of Work _____
(SITE) _____

Schedule of Drawings

_____

Authority_____
Allocation _____

The Contractor(s) _____ is / are hereby ordered to carry out the following works at _____% above/below the Schedule of Rates of _____ Railway corrected upto latest correction slips of _____ Division under Zone Contract Agreement here-in-before referred to:

SL	Item No.	Description of Item of Work	Approximate Quantity	Unit	Rates in Figures and Words (₹)	Amount (₹)
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*
					Total Approximate Value of Work = ₹ _____	

The works herein mentioned are required to be completed on or before _____ (Date). The quantities provided herein are approximate and subject to variation under Clause 42 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract corrected upto latest correction slips.

Divisional Railway Manager/Divisional _____ Engineer
_____ Division
_____ Railway

Date _____
for President of India

I agree to complete the works herein set forth on or before the date specified under the Zone Contract Agreement herein before referred to in conformity with the drawings hereto annexed and in accordance with the General and Special (if any) Conditions of Contract

corrected upto latest Correction Slips and the Standard Specifications of _____ Railway with up-to-date Correction Slips.

I also agree to maintain such works for the period specified below from the date of completion:

(a) Repair and maintenance work including white/color washing: three calendar months from date of completion.

(b) All new works except earth work: Six calendar months from date of completion.

Contractor _____ (Signature) Railway: Designation _____

Address _____

For President of India)

Date _____ Date _____

Signature of Witnesses (to Signature of Contractor) with address

1. _____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

2. _____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

ANNEXURE - IV

_____ RAILWAY

CONTRACT AGREEMENT OF WORKS

CONTRACT AGREEMENT NO. _____ DATED _____

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____ 20_____ between President of India acting through the Railway Administration hereafter called the "Railway" of the one part and _____herein after called the "Contractor" of other part.

WHEREAS the Contractor has agreed with the Railway for performance of the works _____ set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed upon the Standard General Conditions of Contract, corrected upto latest correction slips and the Specifications of _____ Railway corrected upto the latest correction slips and the Schedule of Rates of _____ Railway, corrected upto latest correction slips and the Special Conditions and Special Specifications, if any and in conformity with the drawings here-into annexed AND WHEREAS the performance of the said works is an act in which the public are interested.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration to the payments to be made by the Railways, the Contractors will duly perform the said works in the said schedule set forth and shall execute the same with great promptness, care and accuracy in a workman like manner to the satisfaction of the Railway and will complete the same in accordance with the said specifications and said drawings and said conditions of contract on or before the _____ day of _____ 20___ and will maintain the said works for a period of _____Calendar months from the certified date of their completion and will observe, fulfill and keep all the conditions therein mentioned (which shall be deemed and taken to be part of this contract, as if the same have been fully set forth herein), AND the Railway, both hereby agree that if the Contractor shall duly perform the said works in the manner aforesaid and observe and keep the said terms and conditions, the Railway will pay or cause to be paid to the Contractor for the said works on the final completion thereof the amount due in respect thereof at the rates specified in the Schedule hereto annexed.

Contractor _____ (Signature) Railway: Designation _____

Address _____ (For President of India)

Date _____ Date _____

Signature of **Witnesses** (to Signature of Contractor) with address:

Witnesses:

_____ _____

_____ _____

ANNEXURE-V

FORMAT FOR AFFIDAVIT TO BE SUBMITTED / UPLOADED BY TENDERER ALONGWITH THE TENDER DOCUMENTS

(To be executed in presence of Public notary on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of ₹ 100/-. The stamp paper has to be in the name of the tenderer) **

I…… (Name and designation)** appointed as the attorney/authorized signatory of the tenderer (including its constituents),

M/s_____ (hereinafter called the tenderer) for the purpose of the Tender documents for the work of _____ as per the tender No._____ of (------- Railway), do hereby solemnly affirm and state on the behalf of the tenderer including its constituents as under:

1. I/we the tenderer (s) am/are signing this document after carefully reading the contents.
2. I/We the tenderer(s) also accept all the conditions of the tender and have signed all the pages in confirmation thereof.
3. I/we hereby declare that I/we have downloaded the tender documents from Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in . I/we have verified the content of the document from the website and there is no addition, no deletion or no alteration to the content of the tender document. In case of any discrepancy noticed at any stage i.e. evaluation of tenders, execution of work or final payment of the contract, the master copy available with the railway Administration shall be final and binding upon me/us.

4. I/we declare and certify that I/we have not made any misleading or false representation in the forms, statements and attachments in proof of the qualification requirements.

5. **I/We also understand that my/our offer will be evaluated based on the documents/credentials submitted alongwith the offer and same shall be binding upon me/us.**

6. **I/We declare that the information and documents submitted along with the tender by me/us are correct and I/we are fully responsible for the correctness of the information and documents, submitted by us.**

7. I/we understand that if the certificates regarding eligibility criteria submitted by us are found to be forged/false or incorrect at any time during process for evaluation of tenders, it shall lead to forfeiture of the tender EMD besides banning of business for a period of upto five year. Further, I/we (*insert name of the tenderer*) **_____and all my/our constituents understand that my/our offer shall be summarily rejected.

8. I/we also understand that if the certificates submitted by us are found to be false/forged or incorrect at any time after the award of the contract, it will lead to termination of the contract, alongwith forfeiture of EMD/SD and Performance guarantee besides any

other action provided in the contract including banning of business for a period of upto five year.

DEPONENT
SEAL AND SIGNATURE
OF THE TENDERER

VERIFICATION

I/We above named tenderer do hereby solemnly affirm and verify that the contents of my/our above affidavit are true and correct. Nothing has been concealed and no part of it is false.

DEPONENT
SEAL AND SIGNATURE
OF THE TENDERER

Place:
Dated:

** The contents in Italics are only for guidance purpose. Details as appropriate are to be filled in suitably by tenderer.

ANNEXURE – VI

TENDERER'S CREDENTIALS (BID CAPACITY)

_____ RAILWAY

For works costing more than ₹ 20 cr. or as prescribed by Railways through instruction/NIT issued for the work, the tenderers who meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be qualified only if their available bid capacity is equal to or more than the total bid value of the present tender. The available bid capacity shall be calculated as under:

Available Bid Capacity = [A x N x 2] – B

Where

A = Maximum value of construction works executed and payment received in any one financial year during the current and last three financial years immediately preceding the current financial year, upto date of opening of tender, taking into account the completed as well as works in progress.

N= Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids has been invited.

B = Value of existing commitments and balance amount of ongoing works with the tenderer to be completed in next 'N' years.

Note:

(a) The Tenderer(s) shall furnish the details of existing commitments and balance amount of ongoing works with tenderer as per the prescribed proforma of Railway for statement of all works in progress and also the works which are awarded to tenderer but yet not started upto the date of opening of tender. In case of no works in hand, a 'NIL' statement should be furnished. This statement should be submitted duly verified by Chartered Accountant.

(b) In case of JV, the tenderer(s) must furnish the details of existing commitments and balance amount of ongoing works with each member of JV as per the prescribed proforma of Railway for statement of all works in progress and also the works which are awarded to tenderer but yet not started upto the date of opening of tender. In case of no works in hand, a 'NIL' statement should be furnished. This statement should be submitted duly verified by Chartered Accountant.

(c) Value of a completed work/work in progress/work awarded but yet not started for a Member in an earlier JV shall be reckoned only to the extent of the concerned member's share in that JV for the purpose of satisfying his/her compliance to the above mentioned technical eligibility criteria in the tender under consideration.

(d) The arithmetic sum of individual "bid capacity" of all the members shall be taken as JV's "bid capacity".

(e) In case, the tenderer/s failed to submit the above statement along with offer, their/his offer shall be considered as incomplete and will be rejected **summarily**.

(f) The available bid capacity of tenderer shall be assessed based on the details submitted

by the tenderer. In case, the available Bid Capacity is lesser than estimated cost of work put to tender, his offer shall not be considered even if he has been found eligible in other eligibility criteria/tender requirement.

Part II

STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH WORKS CONTRACTS

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. (1) Definitions: In these Standard General Conditions of Contract, the following terms shall have the meaning assigned hereunder except where the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Railway" shall mean the President of the Republic of India or the Administrative Officers of the Railway or of the Successor Railway authorized to deal with any matters which these presents are concerned on his behalf.

(b) "General Manager" shall mean the Officer in-charge of the General Superintendence and Control of the Railway and shall also include Addl. General Manager, the General Manager (Construction) and shall mean and include their successors, of the successor Railway.

(c) "Chief Engineer" shall mean the Officer in-charge of the Engineering Department of Railway and shall also include Chief Engineer (Construction), Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Construction), Chief Electrical Engineer, Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), Chief Mechanical Engineer and shall mean & include their successors, of the Successor Railway.

(d) "Divisional Railway Manager" shall mean the Officer in-charge of a Division of the Railway and shall mean and include the Divisional Railway Manager of the Successor Railway.

(e) “Engineer” shall mean the Divisional Engineer or the Executive Engineer, Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Divisional Electrical Engineer, Divisional Mechanical Engineer in executive charge of the works and shall include the superior officers of Open Line and Construction organisations on the Railway of the Engineering, Signal & Telecom, Electrical and Mechanical Departments, i.e. the Senior Divisional Engineer/Deputy Chief Engineer/Chief Engineer, Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer / Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer and shall mean & include the Engineers of the Successors Railway.

(f) "Engineer's Representative" shall mean the Assistant Engineer, Assistant Signal & Telecommunication Engineer and Assistant Electrical Engineer, Assistant Mechanical Engineer in direct charge of the works and shall include any Sr. Section/Junior Engineer of Civil Engineering/ Signal and Telecommunication Engineering/Mechanical Engineering/Electrical Engineering Departments appointed by the Railway and shall mean and include the Engineer's Representative of the Successor Railway.

(g) "Contractor" shall mean the Person/Firm/Co-operative Society or Company whether incorporated or not who enters into the contract with the Railway and shall include their executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

(h) "Contract" shall mean and include the Agreement of Work Order, the accepted Schedule of Rates or the Schedule or Rates of Railway modified by the tender percentage for items of works quantified, or not quantified, the Standard General Conditions of Contract, the Special Conditions of Contracts, if any; the Drawing, the Specifications, the Special Specifications, if any and Tender Forms, if any.

(i) "Works" shall mean the works to be executed in accordance with the contract.

(j) "Specifications" shall mean the Standard Specifications for Materials &Works of Railway as specified by Railway under the authority of the Chief Engineer or as amplified, added to or superseded by Special Specifications, if any.

(k) "Schedule of Rates of Railway" shall mean the Schedule of Rates issued under the authority of the Chief Engineer from time to time.

(l) "Drawing" shall mean the maps, drawings, plans and tracings or prints there of annexed to the contract and shall include any modifications of such drawings and further drawings as may be issued by the Engineer from time to time.

(m) "Constructional Plant" shall mean all appliances or things of whatsoever nature required for the execution, completion or maintenance of the works or temporary works (as hereinafter defined) but does not include materials or other things intended to form or forming part of the permanent work.

(n) "Temporary Works" shall mean all temporary works of every kind required for the execution completion and/or maintenance of the works.

(o) "Site" shall mean the lands and other places on, under, in or through which the works are to be carried out and any other lands or places provided by the Railway for the purpose of the contract.

(p) "Period of Maintenance" shall mean the specified period of maintenance from the date of completion of the works, as certified by the Engineer.

(q) 'Contractor's authorized Engineer' shall mean a graduate Engineer having more than 3 years experience in the relevant field of construction work involved in the contract, duly approved by Engineer.

1. (2) Singular and Plural: Words importing the singular number shall also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.

1.(3) Headings and Marginal Headings: The headings and marginal headings in these Standard General Conditions are solely for the purpose of facilitating reference and shall not

be deemed to be part thereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation or construction thereof the contract.

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

2. (1) Execution Co-Relation and Intent of Contract Documents: The contract documents shall be signed in triplicate by the Railway and the Contractor. The contract documents are complementary and what is called for by anyone shall be as binding as if called for by all, the intention of the documents is to include all labour and materials, equipments and transportation necessary for proper execution of work. Materials or works not covered by or properly inferable from any heading or class of the specifications shall not be supplied by the Railway to the Contractors unless distinctly specified in the contract documents. Materials or works described in words which so applied have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be held to refer to such recognized standards.

2.(2) If a work is transferred from the jurisdiction of one Railway to another Railway or to a Project authority or vice versa while contract is in subsistence, the contract shall be binding on the Contractor and the Successor Railway/Project in the same manner & take effect in all respects as if the Contractor and the Successor Railway/Project were parties thereto from the inception and the corresponding officer or the Competent Authority in the Successor Railway/Project will exercise the same powers and enjoy the same authority as conferred to the Predecessor Railway/Project under the original contract/agreement entered into.

2. (3) If for administrative or other reasons the contract is transferred to the Successor Railway, the contract shall, notwithstanding any things contained herein contrary there to, be binding on the Contractor and the Successor Railway in the same manner and take effect in all respects as if the Contractor and the Successor Railway had been parties thereto from the date of this contract.

3. (1) Law Governing the Contract: The contract shall be governed by the law for the time being in force in the Republic of India.

3.(2) Compliance to Regulations and Bye-Laws: The Contractor shall conform to the provision of any statute relating to the works and regulations and bye-laws of any local authority and of any water and lighting companies or undertakings, with whose system the work is proposed to be connected and shall before making any variation from the drawings or the specifications that may be necessitated by so confirming give to the Engineer notice specifying the variation proposed to be made and the reason for making the variation and shall not carry out such variation until he has received instructions from the Engineer in respect thereof. The Contractor shall be bound to give all notices required by statute, regulations or bye-laws as aforesaid and to pay all fees and taxes payable to any authority in respect thereof.

4. Communications to be in Writing: All notices, communications, reference and complaints made by the Railway or the Engineer or the Engineer's Representative or the Contractor inter-se concerning the works shall be in writing or e-mail on registered e-mail IDs

and no notice, communication, reference or complaint not in writing or through e-mail, shall be recognized.

5. Service of Notices on Contractors: The Contractor shall furnish to the Engineer the name, designation and address of his authorized agent and all complaints, notices, communications and references shall be deemed to have been duly given to the Contractor, if delivered to the Contractor or his authorized agent or left at or posted to the address so given and shall be deemed to have been so given in the case of posting on day on which they would have reached such address in the ordinary course of post or on the day on which they were so delivered or left. In the case of contract by partners, any change in the constitution of the firm shall be forthwith notified by the Contractor to the Engineer.

6. Occupation and Use of Land: No land belonging to or in the possession of the Railway shall be occupied by the Contractor without the permission of the Railway. The Contractor shall not use, or allow to be used the site for any purposes other than that of executing the works. Whenever non-railway bodies/persons are permitted to use railway premises with competent authority's approval, conservancy charges as applicable from time to time may be levied.

7. Assignment or Subletting of Contract: The Contractor shall not assign or sublet the contract or any part thereof or allow any person to become interested therein any manner whatsoever without the special permission in writing of the Chief Engineer. Any breach of this condition shall entitle the Railway to rescind the contract under Clause 62 of these Conditions and also render the Contractor liable for payment to the Railway in respect of any loss or damage arising or ensuing from such cancellation; provided always that execution of the details of the work by petty Contractor under the direct and personal supervision of the Contractor or his agent shall not be deemed to be sub-letting under this clause. The permitted subletting of work by the Contractor shall not establish any contractual relationship between the sub-contractor and the Railway and shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility under the Contract.

8. Assistance by Railway for the Stores to be obtained by the Contractor: Owing to difficulty in obtaining certain materials (including Tools & Plant) in the market, the Railway may have agreed without any liability therefore to endeavour to obtain or assist the Contractor in obtaining the required quantities of such materials as may be specified in the Tender. In the event of delay or failure in obtaining the required quantities of the aforesaid material, the Contractor shall not be deemed absolved of his own responsibility and shall keep in touch with the day to day position regarding their availability and accordingly adjust progress of works including employment of labour and the Railway shall not in any way be liable for the supply of materials or for the non-supply thereof for any reasons whatsoever nor for any loss or damage arising in consequence of such delay or non-supply.

9. Railway Passes: No free railway passes shall be issued by the Railway to the Contractor or any of his employee/worker.

10. Carriage of Materials: No forwarding orders shall be issued by the Railway for the conveyance of Contractor's materials, tools and plant by train which may be required for use in the works and the Contractor shall pay full freight charges at public tariff rates therefor.

11. Use of Ballast Trains: The Railway may agree to allow the Contractor use of the ballast or material trains under such conditions as shall be specially prescribed, provided that the Contractor shall pay for the use thereof charges calculated at public tariff rates on the marked carrying capacity of each vehicle subject to specified minimum charge per day or part of day and provided further that the Contractor shall indemnify the Railway against any claims or damages arising out of the use or misuse thereof and against any liabilities under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 or any statutory amendments thereto.

12. Representation on Works: The Contractor shall, when he is not personally present on the site of the works place, keep a responsible agent at the works during working hours who shall on receiving reasonable notice, present himself to the Engineer and orders given by the Engineer or the Engineer's representative to the agent shall be deemed to have the same force as if they had been given to the Contractor. Before absenting himself, the Contractor shall furnish the name and address of his agent for the purpose of this clause and failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with this provision at any time will entitle the Railway to rescind the contract under Clause 62 of these Conditions.

13. Relics and Treasures: All gold, silver, oil, other minerals of any description, all precious stones, coins, treasures relics antiquities and other similar things which shall be found in or upon the site shall be the property of the Railway and the Contractor shall duly preserve the same to the satisfaction of the Railway and shall from time to time deliver the same to such person or persons as the Railway may appoint to receive the same.

14. Excavated Material: The Contractor shall not sell or otherwise dispose of or remove except for the purpose of this contract, the sand, stone, clay ballast, earth, rock or other substances or materials which may be obtained from any excavation made for the purpose of the works or any building or produced upon the site at the time of delivery of the possession thereof but all the substances, materials, buildings and produce shall be the property of the Railway provided that the Contractor may, with the permission of the Engineer, use the same for the purpose of the works either free of cost or pay the cost of the same at such rates as may be determined by the Engineer.

15. Indemnity by Contractors: The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Railway from and against all actions, suit, proceedings, losses, costs, damages, charges, claims and demands of every nature and description brought or recovered against the Railways by reason of any act or omission of the Contractor, his agents or employees, in the execution of the works or in his guarding of the same. All sums payable by way of compensation under any of these conditions shall be considered as reasonable compensation to be applied to the actual loss or damage sustained, and whether or not any damage shall have been sustained.

16.(1) Security Deposit: The Earnest Money deposited by the Contractor with his tender will be retained by the Railways as part of security for the due and faithful fulfillment of the contract by the Contractor. The Security Deposit shall be 5% of the contract value. Security Deposit may be deposited by the Contractor before release of first on account bill in cash or Term Deposit Receipt issued from Scheduled Bank, or may be recovered at the rate of 10% of the bill amount till the full Security Deposit is recovered. Provided also that in case of defaulting Contractor, the Railway may retain any amount due for payment to the Contractor on the pending "on account bills" so that the amounts so retained (including amount guaranteed through Performance Guarantee) may not exceed 10% of the total value of the contract.

Further, in case of contracts having value equal to or more than ₹ 50 crore (Rs Fifty crore) the Security Deposit may be deposited as Bank Guarantee Bond also, issued by a scheduled bank after execution of contract documents, but before payment of 1st on account bill. Provided further that the validity of Bank Guarantee Bond shall be extended from time to time, depending upon extension of contract granted in terms of Clause 17 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract.

Further, in case Security Deposit has been submitted as Term Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee Bond in full amount, the Earnest Money deposited by the Contractor with his tender will be returned by the Railways.

Note: After the work is physically completed as certified by competent authority, Security Deposit recovered from the running bills of a Contractor can be returned to him, if he so desires, in lieu of Term Deposit Receipt/irrevocable Bank Guarantee for equivalent amount from Scheduled Bank, to be submitted by him.

16.(2) (i) Refund of Security Deposit: Security Deposit mentioned in sub clause (1) above shall be returned to the Contractor after the following:

(a) Final Payment of the Contract as per clause 51.(1) and
(b) Signature of Final Supplementary Agreement or Certification by Engineer that Railway has No Claim on Contractor and
(c) Issue of Maintenance Certificate on expiry of the maintenance period as per clause 50.(1).

16. (2) (ii) Forfeiture of Security Deposit: Whenever the contract is rescinded as a whole under clause 62 (1) of GCC, the Security Deposit already with railways under the contract shall be forfeited. However, in case the contract is rescinded in part or parts under clause 62 (1) of GCC, the Security Deposit shall not be forfeited.

16.(3) No interest shall be payable upon the Earnest Money and Security Deposit or amounts payable to the Contractor under the Contract, but Government Securities deposited in terms of Sub-Clause 16.(4)(b) of this clause will be payable with interest accrued thereon.

16.(4) Performance Guarantee

The procedure for obtaining Performance Guarantee is outlined below:

(a) The successful bidder shall have to submit a Performance Guarantee (PG) within 21 (Twenty one) days from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA). Extension of time for submission of PG beyond 21 (Twenty one) days and upto 60 days from the date of issue of LOA may be given by the Authority who is competent to sign the contract agreement. However, a penal interest of 12% per annum shall be charged for the delay beyond 21(Twenty one) days, i.e. from 22nd day after the date of issue of LOA. Further, if the 60th day happens to be a declared holiday in the concerned office of the Railway, submission of PG can be accepted on the next working day.

In all other cases, if the Contractor fails to submit the requisite PG even after 60 days from the date of issue of LOA, the contract is liable to be terminated. In case contract is terminated railway shall be entitled to forfeit Earnest Money Deposit and other dues payable against that contract. In case a tenderer has not submitted Earnest Money Deposit on the strength of their registration as a Startup recognized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, DIPP shall be informed to this effect.

The failed Contractor shall be debarred from participating in re-tender for that work.

(b) The successful bidder shall submit the Performance Guarantee (PG) in any of the following forms, amounting to 5% of the contract value:

(i) A deposit of Cash;

(ii) Irrevocable Bank Guarantee;

(iii) Government Securities including State Loan Bonds at 5% below the market value;

(iv) Deposit Receipts, Pay Orders, Demand Drafts and Guarantee Bonds. These forms of Performance Guarantee could be either of the State Bank of India or of any of the Nationalized Banks;

(v) Guarantee Bonds executed or Deposits Receipts tendered by all Scheduled Banks;

(vi) Deposit in the Post Office Saving Bank;

(vii) Deposit in the National Savings Certificates;

(viii) Twelve years National Defence Certificates;

(ix) Ten years Defence Deposits;

(x) National Defence Bonds and

(xi) Unit Trust Certificates at 5% below market value or at the face value whichever is less. Also, FDR in favour of FA&CAO (free from any encumbrance) may be accepted.

(c) The Performance Guarantee shall be submitted by the successful bidder after the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) has been issued, but before signing of the contract agreement. This P.G. shall be initially valid upto the stipulated date of completion plus 60 days beyond that. In case, the time for completion of work gets extended, the Contractor shall get the validity of P.G. extended to cover such extended time for completion of work plus 60 days.

(d) The value of PG to be submitted by the Contractor will not change for variation upto 25% (either increase or decrease). In case during the course of execution, value of the contract increases by more than 25% of the original contract value, an additional Performance Guarantee amounting to 5% (five percent) for the excess value over the original contract value shall be deposited by the Contractor. On the other hand, if the value of contract decreases by more than 25% of the original contract value, Performance Guarantee amounting to 5% (five percent) of the decrease in the contract value shall be returned to the Contractor. The PG amount in excess of required PG for decreased contract value, available with Railways, shall be returned to Contractor as per his request duly safeguarding the interest of railways

(e) The Performance Guarantee (PG) shall be released after physical completion of the work based on 'Completion Certificate' issued by the competent authority stating that the Contractor has completed the work in all respects satisfactorily.

(f) Whenever the contract is rescinded, the Performance Guarantee already submitted for the contract shall be encashed in addition to forfeiture of Security Deposit available with railway.

(g) The Engineer shall not make a claim under the Performance Guarantee except for amounts to which the President of India is entitled under the contract (not withstanding and/or without prejudice to any other provisions in the contract agreement) in the event of:

(i) Failure by the Contractor to extend the validity of the Performance Guarantee as described herein above, in which event the Engineer may claim the full amount of the Performance Guarantee.

(ii) Failure by the Contractor to pay President of India any amount due, either as agreed by the Contractor or determined under any of the Clauses/Conditions of the Agreement, within 30 days of the service of notice to this effect by Engineer.

(iii) The Contract being determined or rescinded under clause 62 of the GCC

17. Force Majeure Clause: If at any time, during the continuance of this contract, the performance in whole or in part by either party of any obligation under this contract shall be prevented or delayed by reason of any war, hostility, acts of public enemy, civil commotion, sabotage, serious loss or damage by fire, explosions, epidemics, strikes, lockouts or acts of God (hereinafter, referred to events) provided, notice of the happening of any such event is given by either party to the other within 30 days from the date of occurrence thereof, neither party shall by reason of such event, be entitled to terminate this contract nor shall either party have any claim for damages against the other in respect of such non-performance or delay in

performance, and works under the contract shall be resumed as soon as practicable after such event has come to an end or ceased to exist, and the decision of the Engineer as to whether the works have been so resumed or not shall be final and conclusive, PROVIDED FURTHER that if the performance in whole or in part of any obligation under this contract is prevented or delayed by reason of any such event for a period exceeding 120 days, either party may at its option terminate the contract by giving notice to the other party.

17–A Extension of Time in Contracts: Subject to any requirement in the contract as to completion of any portion or portions of the works before completion of the whole, the Contractor shall fully and finally complete the whole of the works comprised in the contract (with such modifications as may be directed under conditions of this contract) by the date entered in the contract or extended date in terms of the following clauses:

(i) **Extension due to Modification:** If any modifications have been ordered which in the opinion of the Engineer have materially increased the magnitude of the work, then such extension of the contracted date of completion may be granted as shall appear to the Engineer to be reasonable in the circumstances, provided moreover that the Contractor shall be responsible for requesting such extension of the date as may be considered necessary as soon as the cause thereof shall arise and in any case not less than one month before the expiry of the date fixed for completion of the works.

(ii) **Extension for Delay not due to Railway or Contractor:** If in the opinion of the Engineer, the progress of work has any time been delayed by any act or neglect of Railway's employees or by other Contractor employed by the Railway under Sub-Clause (4) of Clause 20 of these Conditions or in executing the work not forming part of the contract but on which Contractor's performance necessarily depends or by reason of proceeding taken or threatened by or dispute with adjoining or to neighbouring owners or public authority arising otherwise through the Contractor's own default etc. or by the delay authorized by the Engineer pending arbitration or in consequences of the Contractor not having received in due time necessary instructions from the Railway for which he shall have specially applied in writing to the Engineer or his authorized representative then upon happening of any such event causing delay, the Contractor shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the Engineer within 15 days of such happening, but shall nevertheless make constantly his best endeavours to bring down or make good the delay and shall do all that may be reasonably required of him to the satisfaction of the Engineer to proceed with the works. The Contractor may also indicate the period for which the work is likely to be delayed and shall be bound to ask for necessary extension of time. The Engineer on receipt of such request from the Contractor shall consider the same and shall grant such extension of time as in his opinion is reasonable having regard to the nature and period of delay and the type and quantum of work affected thereby. No other compensation shall be payable for works so carried forward to the extended period of time; the same rates, terms and conditions of contract being applicable as if such extended period of time was originally provided in the original contract itself.

(iii) **Extension for Delay due to Railways:** In the event of any failure or delay by the Railway to hand over the Contractor possession of the lands necessary for the execution of the works or to give the necessary notice to commence the works or to provide the necessary drawings or instructions or any other delay caused by the Railway due to any other cause whatsoever, then such failure or delay shall in no way affect or vitiate the

contract or alter the character thereof or entitle the Contractor to damages or compensation therefor, but in any such case, the Railway may grant such extension or extensions of the completion date as may be considered reasonable.

17-B Extension of Time for delay due to Contractor:

(i) With liquidated Damage (LD): The time for the execution of the work or part of the works specified in the contract documents shall be deemed to be the essence of the contract and the works must be completed not later than the date(s) as specified in the contract. If the Contractor fails to complete the works within the time as specified in the contract for the reasons other than the reasons specified in Clause 17 and 17-A, the Railway may, if satisfied that the works can be completed by the Contractor within reasonable short time thereafter, allow the Contractor for further extension of time (Proforma at Annexure-VII) as the Engineer may decide. On such extension the Railway will be entitled without prejudice to any other right and remedy available on that behalf, to recover from the Contractor as agreed damages and not by way of penalty for each week or part of the week, a sum calculated at the following rates of the contract value of the works.

For the purpose of this Clause, the contract value of the works shall be taken as value of work as per contract agreement including any supplementary work order/contract agreement issued. Provided also, that the total amount of liquidated damages under this condition shall not exceed 5% of the contract value or of the total value of the item or groups of items of work for which a separate distinct completion period is specified in the contract.

S.No.	Duration of extension of time under Clause 17-B	Rate of Penalty
(i)	Up to Twenty percent of original period of completion including period of extension of DOC granted under Section 17A(i)	As decided by Engineer, between 0.01% to 0.10% of contract value for each week or part of the week
(ii)	Above Twenty percent but upto Thirty percent of original period of completion including period of extension of DOC granted under Section 17A(i)	0.20% of contract value for each week or part of the week
(iii)	Above Thirty percent but upto Forty percent of original period of completion including period of extension of DOC granted under Section 17A(i)	0.30% of contract value for each week or part of the week
(iv)	Above Forty percent of original period of completion including period of extension of DOC granted under Section 17A(i)	0.50% of contract value for each week or part of the week

Provided further, that if the Railway is not satisfied that the works can be completed by the Contractor and in the event of failure on the part of the contractor to complete the work within further extension of time allowed as aforesaid, the Railway shall be entitled without prejudice to any other right or remedy available in that behalf, to appropriate the contractor's Security Deposit and rescind the contract under Clause 62 of these Conditions, whether or not actual damage is caused by such default.

18.(1) Illegal Gratification: Any bribe, commission, gift or advantage given, promised or offered by or on behalf of the Contractor or his partner or agent or servant or anyone on his behalf, to any officer or employee of the Railway or to any person on his behalf in relation to obtaining or execution of this or any other contract with the Railway shall, in addition to any criminal liability which he may incur, subject Contractor to the rescission of the contract and all other contracts with the Railway and to the payment of any loss or damage resulting from such decision and the Railway shall be entitled to deduct the amounts so payable from the Contractor's bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India.

18.(2) The Contractor shall not lend or borrow from or have or enter into any monitory dealings or transactions either directly or indirectly with any employee of the Railway and if he shall do so, the Railway shall be entitled forthwith to rescind the contract and all other contracts with the Railway. Any question or dispute as to the commission of any such offence or compensation payable to the Railway under this Clause shall be settled by the General Manager of the Railway, in such a manner as he shall consider fit & sufficient and his decision shall be final & conclusive. In the event of rescission of the contract under this Clause, the Contractor will not be paid any compensation whatsoever except payments for the work done upto the date of rescission.

EXECUTION OF WORKS

19.(1) Contractor's understanding: It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the work, the conformation of the ground, the character, quality and quantity of the materials to be encountered, the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the progress of the works, the general and local conditions, the labour conditions prevailing therein and all other matters which can in any way affect the works under the contract.

19.(2) Commencement of Works: The Contractor shall commence the works within 15 days after the receipt by him of an order in writing to this effect from the Engineer and shall proceed with the same with due expedition and without delay

19.(3) Accepted Programme of Work: The Contractor who has been awarded the work shall as soon as possible but not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the acceptance letter in respect of contracts with initial completion period of two years or less or not later than 90 days for other contracts have to submit the detailed programme of work indicating the time schedule of various items of works in the form of Bar Chart/PERT/CPM. He shall also submit the details of organisation (in terms of labour and supervisors), plant and machinery that he intends to utilize (from time to time) for execution of the work within stipulated date of completion. The programme of work amended as necessary by discussions with the Engineer, shall be treated as the agreed programme of the work for the purpose of this contract and the Contractor shall endeavor to fulfill this programme of work. The progress of work will be watched accordingly and the liquidated damages will be with reference to the overall

completion date. Nothing stated herein shall preclude the Contractor in achieving earlier completion of item or whole of the works than indicated in the programme.

19.(4) Setting out of Works: The Contractor shall be responsible for the correct setting out of all works in relation to original points, lines and levels of reference at his cost. The Contractor shall execute the work true to alignment, grade, levels and dimensions as shown in the drawing and as directed by the Engineer's representative and check these at frequent intervals. The Contractor shall provide all facilities like labour and instruments and shall co-operate with the Engineer's representative for checking of all alignment, grades, levels and dimensions. If, at any time, during the progress of the works any error appear or arise in any part of the work, the Contractor, on being required so to do by the Engineer's representative shall, at his own cost rectify such errors, to the satisfaction of the Engineer's representative.

Such checking shall not absolve the Contractor of his own responsibility of maintaining accuracy in the work. The Contractor shall carefully protect and preserve all bench marks, sight rails, pegs and other things used in setting out the work.

20.(1) Compliance to Engineer's Instructions: The Engineer shall direct the order in which the several parts of the works shall be executed and the Contractor shall execute without delay all orders given by the Engineer from time to time; but the Contractor shall not be relieved thereby from responsibility for the due performance of the works in all respects.

20.(2) Alterations to be Authorized: No alterations in or additions to or omissions or abandonment of any part of the works shall be deemed authorised, except under instructions from the Engineer. The Contractor shall be responsible to obtain such instructions in each and every case in writing from the Engineer.

20.(3) Extra Works: Should works over and above those included in the contract require to be executed at the site, the Contractor shall have no right to be entrusted with the execution of such works which may be carried out by another Contractor or Contractors or by other means at the option of the Railway.

20.(4) Separate Contracts in Connection with Works: The Railway shall have the right to let other contracts in connection with the works. The Contractor shall afford other Contractors reasonable opportunity for the storage of their materials and the execution of their works and shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs. If any part of the Contractor's work depends upon proper execution or result upon the work of another Contractor(s), the Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to the Engineer any defects in such works that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. The Contractor's failure so-to inspect and report shall constitute an acceptance of the other Contractor's work as fit and proper for the reception of his work, except as to defects which may develop in the other Contractor's work after the execution of his work.

21. Instruction of Engineer's Representative: Any instructions or approval given by the Engineer's representative to Contractor in connection with the works shall bind the Contractor as though it had been given by the Engineer provided always as follows:

(a) Failure of the Engineer's representative to disapprove any work or materials shall not prejudice the power of the Engineer thereafter to disapprove such work or material and to order the removal or breaking up thereof.

(b) If the Contractor shall be dissatisfied by reason of any decision of the Engineer's representative, he shall be entitled to refer the matter to the Engineer who shall there upon confirm or vary such decision.

22.(1) Adherence to Specifications and Drawings: The whole of the works shall be executed in perfect conformity with the specifications and drawings of the contract. If Contractor performs any works in a manner contrary to the specifications or drawings or any of them and without such reference to the Engineer, he shall bear all the costs arising or ensuing therefrom and shall be responsible for all loss to the Railway.

22.(2) Drawings and Specifications of the Works: The Contractor shall keep one copy of Drawings and Specifications at the site, in good order, and such contract documents as may be necessary, available to the Engineer or the Engineer's Representative.

22.(3) Ownership of Drawings and Specifications: All Drawings and Specifications and copies thereof furnished by the Railway to the Contractor are deemed to be the property of the Railway. They shall not be used on other works and with the exception of the signed contract set, shall be returned by the Contractor to the Railway on completion of the work or termination of the Contract.

22.(4) Compliance with Contractor's Request for Details: The Engineer shall furnish with reasonable promptness, after receipt by him of the Contractor's request, additional instructions by means of drawings or otherwise, necessary for the proper execution of the works or any part thereof. All such drawings and instructions shall be consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable therefrom.

22.(5) Meaning and Intent of Specification and Drawings: If any ambiguity arises as to the meaning and intent of any portion of the Specifications and Drawings or as to execution or quality of any work or material, or as to the measurements of the works the decision of the Engineer thereon shall be final subject to the appeal (within 7 days of such decision being intimated to the Contractor) to the Chief Engineer who shall have the power to correct any errors, omissions, or discrepancies in aforementioned items and whose decision in the matter in dispute or doubt shall be final and conclusive.

23. Working during Night: The Contractor shall not carry out any work between sun-set and sun-rise without the previous permission of the Engineer. However, if the Engineer is satisfied that the work is not likely to be completed in time except by resorting to night work, he may order the same without confirming any right on the Contractor for claiming any extra payment for the same.

24. Damage to Railway Property or Private Life and Property: The Contractor shall be responsible for all risk to the work and for trespass and shall make good at his own expense all loss or damage whether to the works themselves or to any other property of the Railway or the

lives, persons or property of others from whatsoever cause in connection with the works until they are taken over by the Railway, although all reasonable and proper precautions may have been taken by the Contractor. In case the Railway shall be called upon to make good any costs, loss or damages, or to pay any compensation, including that payable under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act or any statutory amendments thereof to any person or persons sustaining damages as aforesaid by reason of any act, or any negligence or omissions on the part of the Contractor; the amount of any costs or charges including costs and charges in connection with legal proceedings, which the Railway may incur in reference thereto, shall be charged to the Contractor. The Railway shall have the power and right to pay or to defend or compromise any claim of threatened legal proceedings or in anticipation of legal proceedings being instituted consequent on the action or default of the Contractor, to take such steps as may be considered necessary or desirable to ward off or mitigate the effect of such proceedings, charging to Contractor, as aforesaid; any sum or sums of money which may be paid and any expenses whether for reinstatement or otherwise which may be incurred and the propriety of any such payment, defence or compromise, and the incurring of any such expenses shall not be called in question by the Contractor.

25. Sheds, Storehouses and Yards: The Contractor shall at his own expense provide himself with sheds, storehouses and yards in such situations and in such numbers as in the opinion of the Engineer is requisite for carrying on the works and the Contractor shall keep at each such sheds, storehouses and yards a sufficient quantity of materials and plant in stock as not to delay the carrying out of the works with due expedition and the Engineer and the Engineer's representative shall have free access to the said sheds, store houses and yards at any time for the purpose of inspecting the stock of materials or plant so kept in hand, and any materials or plant which the Engineer may object to shall not be brought upon or used in the works, but shall be forthwith removed from the sheds, storehouses or yards by the Contractor. The Contractor shall at his own expenses provide and maintain suitable mortar mills, soaking vats or any other equipments necessary for the execution of the works.

26. Provision of Efficient and Competent Staff at Work Sites by the Contractor:

26.1 The Contractor shall place and keep on the works at all times efficient and competent staff to give the necessary directions to his workmen and to see that they execute their work in sound & proper manner and shall employ only such supervisors, workmen & labourers in or about the execution of any of these works as are careful and skilled in the various trades.

26.2 The Contractor shall at once remove from the works any agents, permitted sub-contractor, supervisor, workman or labourer who shall be objected to by the Engineer and if and whenever required by the Engineer, he shall submit a correct return showing the names of all staff and workmen employed by him.

26.3 In the event of the Engineer being of the opinion that the Contractor is not employing on the works a sufficient number of staff and workmen as is necessary for proper completion of the works within the time prescribed, the Contractor shall forthwith on receiving intimation to this effect deploy the additional number of staff and labour as specified by the Engineer within seven days of being so required and failure on the part of the Contractor to comply

with such instructions will entitle the Railway to rescind the contract under Clause 62 of these conditions.

26A. Deployment of Qualified Engineers at Work Sites by the Contractor:

26A.1 The Contractor shall also employ qualified Graduate Engineer or qualified Diploma Engineer, based on value of contract, as may be prescribed by the Ministry of Railways through separate instructions from time to time.

26A.2 In case the Contractor fails to employ the Engineer, as aforesaid in Para 26A.1, he shall be liable to pay penalty at the rates, as may be prescribed by the Ministry of Railways through separate instructions from time to time for the default period for the provisions, as contained in Para 26A.1.

26A.3 No. of qualified Engineers required to be deployed by the Contractor for various activities contained in the works contract shall be specified in the tender documents as 'Special Condition of Contract' by the tender inviting authority."

27.(1) Workmanship and Testing: The whole of the works and/or supply of materials specified and provided in the contract or that may be necessary to be done in order to form and complete any part thereof shall be executed in the best and most substantial workman like manner with materials of the best and most approved quality of their respective kinds, agreeable to the particulars contained in or implied by the specifications and as referred to in and represented by the drawings or in such other additional particulars, instructions and drawings given during the carrying on of the works and to the entire satisfaction of the Engineer according to the instructions and directions which the Contractors may from time to time receive from the Engineer. The materials may be subjected to tests by means of such machines, instruments and appliances as the Engineer may direct and wholly at the expense of the Contractor.

27.(2) Removal of Improper Work and Materials: The Engineer or the Engineer's Representative shall be entitled to order from time to time:

(a) The removal from the site, within the time specified in the order, of any materials which in his opinion are not in accordance with the specifications or drawings.

(b) The substitution of proper and suitable materials, and

(c) the removal and proper re-execution, notwithstanding any previous tests thereof or on account payments therefor, of any work which in respect of materials or workmanship is not in his opinion in accordance with the specifications and in case of default on the part of the Contractor in carrying out such order, the Railway shall be entitled to rescind the contract under Clause 62 of these conditions.

28. Facilities for Inspection: The Contractor shall afford the Engineer and the Engineer's Representative every facility for entering in and upon every portion of the work at all hours for

the purpose of inspection or otherwise and shall provide all labour, materials, planks, ladders, pumps, appliances and things of every kind required for the purpose and the Engineer and the Engineer's Representative shall at all times have free access to every part of the works and to all places at which materials for the works are stored or being prepared.

29. Examination of Work before Covering Up: The Contractor shall give 7 days' notice to the Engineer or the Engineer's Representative whenever any work or materials are intended to be covered up in the earth, in bodies or walls or otherwise to be placed beyond the reach of measurements in order that the work may be inspected or that correct dimensions may be taken before being so covered, placed beyond the reach of measurement in default whereof, the same shall at the option of the Engineer or the Engineer's Representative be uncovered and measured at the Contractor's expense or no allowance shall be made for such work or materials.

30. Temporary Works: All temporary works necessary for the proper execution of the works shall be provided and maintained by the Contractor and subject to the consent of the Engineer shall be removed by him at his expenses when they are no longer required and in such manner as the Engineer shall direct. In the event of failure on the part of the Contractor to remove the temporary works, the Engineer will cause them to be removed and cost as increased by supervision and other incidental charges shall be recovered from the Contractor. If temporary huts are provided by the Contractor on the Railway land for labour engaged by him for the execution of works, the Contractor shall arrange for handing over vacant possession of the said land after the work is completed; if the Contractor's labour refuse to vacate, and have to be evicted by the Railway, necessary expenses incurred by the Railway in connection therewith shall be borne by the Contractor.

31.(1) Contractor to Supply Water for Works: Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for the arrangements to obtain supply of water necessary for the works.

31.(2) Water Supply from Railway System: The Railway may supply to the Contractor part or whole of the quantity of the water required for the execution of works from the Railway's existing water supply system at or near the site of works on specified terms and conditions and at such charges as shall be determined by the Railway and payable by the Contractor, provided that the Contractor shall arrange, at his own expense, to effect the connections and lay additional pipelines and accessories on the site and that the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for interruption of failure of the water supply.

31.(3) Water Supply by Railway Transport: In the event of the Railway arranging supply of water to the Contractor at or near the site of works by travelling water tanks or other means, the freight and other charges incurred thereby, including demurrage charges that may be levied, shall be paid by the Contractor in addition to the charges referred to in Sub-Clause (2) of the Clause provided that the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for interruption or failure of the water supply.

31.(4)(a) Contractor to Arrange Supply of Electric Power for Works: Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for arrangements to obtain supply of Electric Power for the works.

(b) Electric Supply from the Railway System: The Railway may supply to the Contractor part or whole of the electric power wherever available and possible, required for execution of works from the Railway's existing electric supply systems at or near the site of works on specified terms and conditions and such charges as shall be determined by the Railway and payable by the Contractor provided the cost of arranging necessary connections to the Railway's Electric Supply systems and laying of underground/overhead conductor, circuit protection, electric power meters, transmission structure, shall be borne by the Contractor and that the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for interruption or failure of the Electric supply system.

32. Property in Materials and Plant: The materials and plant brought by the Contractor upon the site or on the land occupied by the Contractor in connection with the works and intended to be used for the execution thereof shall immediately be deemed to be the property of the Railway. Such of them as during the progress of the works are rejected by the Engineer under Clause 25 of these conditions or are declared by him not to be needed for the execution of the works or such as on the grant of the certificate of completion remain unused shall immediately on such rejection, declaration or grant cease to be deemed the property of the Railway and the Contractor may then (but not before) remove them from the site or the said land. This clause shall not in any way diminish the liability of the Contractor nor shall the Railway be in any way answerable for any loss or damage which may happen to or in respect of any such materials or plant either by the same being lost, stolen, injured or destroyed by fire, tempest or otherwise.

33.(1) Tools, Plant and Materials Supplied by Railway: The Contractor shall take all reasonable care of all tools, plant and materials or other property whether of a like description or not belonging to the Railway and committed to his charge for the purpose of the works and shall be responsible for all damage or loss caused by him, his agents, permitted sub-contractor, or his workmen or others while they are in his charge. The Contractors shall sign accountable receipts for tools, plants and materials made over to him by the Engineer and on completion of the works shall hand over the unused balance of the same to the Engineer in good order and repair, fair wear and tear excepted, and shall be responsible for any failure to account for the same or any damage done thereto.

33.(2) Hire of Railway's Plant: The Railway may hire to the Contractor such plant as concrete mixers, compressors and portable engines for use during execution of the works on such terms as may be specified in the special conditions or in a separate agreement for Hire of Plant.

34.(1) Precaution During Progress of Works: During the execution of works, unless otherwise specified, the Contractor shall at his own cost provide the materials for and execute

all shoring, timbering and strutting works as is necessary for the stability and safety of all structures, excavations and works and shall ensure that no damage, injury or loss is caused or likely to be caused to any person or property.

34.(2) Roads and Water Courses: Existing roads or water courses shall not be blocked cut through, altered, diverted or obstructed in any way by the Contractor, except with the permission of the Engineer. All compensations claimed for any unauthorized closure, cutting through, alteration, diversion or obstruction to such roads or water courses by the Contractor or his agent or his staff shall be recoverable from the Contractor's bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India.

34.(3) Provision of Access to Premises: During progress of work in any street or thoroughfare, the Contractor shall make adequate provision for the passage of traffic, for securing safe access to all premises approached from such street or thoroughfare and for any drainage, water supply or means of lighting which may be interrupted by reasons of the execution of the works and shall react and maintain at his own cost barriers, lights and other safeguards as prescribed by the Engineer, for the regulation of the traffic, and provide watchmen necessary to prevent accidents. The works shall in such cases be executed night and day, if so ordered by the Engineer and with such vigour so that the traffic way be impeded for as short a time as possible.

34.(4) Safety of Public: The Contractor shall be responsible to take all precautions to ensure the safety of the public whether on public or railway property and shall post such look out men as may, in the opinion of the Engineer, be required to comply with regulations appertaining to the work. Contractor shall ensure placement of barricading / partitions at the place of work to ensure safety of habitants of adjacent area, failing which Engineer may advise stoppage of work as per his discretion.

34.(5) Display Board: The Contractor shall be responsible for displaying the details of works i.e. name of work, approximate cost, expected date of completion, name and address of the Contractor and address of Engineer on a proper steel Board of size not less than 1m x 1m.

35. Use of Explosives: Explosives shall not be used on the works or on the site by the Contractor without the permission of the Engineer and then also only in the manner and to the extent to which such permission is given. Where explosives are required for the works, they shall be stored in a special magazine to be provided by and at the cost of the Contractor in accordance with the Explosive Rules. The Contractor shall obtain the necessary license for the storage and the use of explosives. All operations in which or for which explosives are employed shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor shall indemnify the Railway in respect thereof.

36.(1) Suspension of Works: The Contractor shall on the order of the Engineer, suspend the progress of the works or any part thereof for such time or times and in such manner as the

Engineer may consider necessary and shall during such suspension properly protect and secure the work so far as is necessary in the opinion of the Engineer. If such suspension is:

(a) Provided for in the contract, or

(b) Necessary for the proper execution of the works or by the reason of weather conditions or by some default on the part of the Contractor, and or

(c) Necessary for the safety of the works or any part thereof.

36.(2) The Contractor shall not be entitled to the extra costs, if any, incurred by him during the period of suspension of the works, but in the event of any suspension ordered by the Engineer for reasons other than aforementioned and when each such period of suspension exceeds 14 days, the Contractor shall be entitled to such extension of time for completion of the works as the Engineer may consider proper having regard to the period or periods of such suspensions and to such compensations as the Engineer may consider reasonable in respect of salaries or wages paid by the Contractor to his employees during the periods of such suspension.

36.(3) Suspension Lasting More than 3 Months: If the progress of the works or any part thereof is suspended on the order of the Engineer for more than three months at a time, the Contractor may serve a written notice on the Engineer requiring permission within 15 days from the receipt thereof to proceed with the works or that part thereof in regard to which progress is suspended and if such permission is not granted within that time the Contractor by further written notice so served may, but is not bound to, elect to treat the suspension where it affects part only of the works as an omission of such part or where it affects the whole of the works, as an abandonment of the contract by the Railway.

37. Rates for Items of Works:

(i) The rates, entered in the accepted Schedule of Rates of the Contract are intended to provide for works duly and properly completed in accordance with the General and Special (if any) Conditions of the Contract and the Specifications and drawings together with such enlargements, extensions, diminutions, reductions, alterations or additions as may be ordered in terms of Clause 42 of these conditions and without prejudice to the generality thereof and shall be deemed to include and cover superintendence and labour, supply, including full freight of materials, stores, patterns, profiles, moulds, fittings, centerings, scaffolding, shoring props, timber, machinery, barracks, tackle, roads, pegs, posts, tools and all apparatus and plant required on the works, except such tools, plant or materials as may be specified in the contract to be supplied to the Contractor by the Railway, the erection, maintenance and removal of all temporary works and buildings, all watching, lighting, bailing, pumping and draining, all prevention of or compensation for trespass, all barriers and arrangements for the safety of the public or of employees during the execution of works, all sanitary and medical arrangements for labour camps as may be prescribed by the Railway, the setting of all work and of the construction, repair and upkeep of all centre lines, bench marks and level pegs thereon, site

clearance, all fees duties, royalties, rent and compensation to owners for surface damage or taxes and impositions payable to local authorities in respect of land, structures and all material supplied for the work or other duties or expenses for which the Contractor may become liable or may be put to under any provision of law for the purpose of or in connection with the execution of the contract and all such other incidental charges or contingencies as may have been specially provided for in the Specifications.

However, if rates of existing GST or cess on GST for Works Contract is increased or any new tax /cess on Works Contract is imposed by Statute after the date of opening of tender but within the original date of completion/date of completion extended under clause 17 & 17A and the Contractor thereupon properly pays such taxes/cess, the Contractor shall be reimbursed the amount so paid.

Further, if rates of existing GST or cess on GST for Works Contract is decreased or any tax/cess on Works Contract is decreased / removed by Statute after the date of opening of tender, the reduction in tax amount shall be recovered from Contractor's bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India.

38. Demurrage and Wharfage Dues: Demurrage charges calculated in accordance with the scale in force for the time being on the Railway and incurred by the Contractor failing to load or unload any goods or materials within the time allowed by the Railway for loading as also wharfage charges, of materials not removed in time, as also charges due on consignments booked by or to him shall be paid by the Contractor, failing which such charges shall be debited to the Contractor's account in the hands of the Railway and shall be deducted from any sums which may become due to him in terms of the contracts.

39.(1) Rates for Extra Items of Works: Any item of work carried out by the Contractor on the instructions of the Engineer which is not included in the accepted Schedules of Rates shall be executed at the rates set forth in the "Schedule of Rates of Railway" modified by the tender percentage, and for such items not contained in the latter, at the rate agreed upon between the Engineer and the Contractor before the execution of such items of work and the Contractors shall be bound to notify the Engineer at least seven days before the necessity arises for the execution of such items of works that the accepted Schedule of Rates does not include rate or rates for the extra work involved. The rates payable for such items shall be decided at the meeting to be held between the Engineer and Contractor, in as short a period as possible after the need for the special item has come to the notice. In case the Contractor fails to attend the meeting after being notified to do so or in the event of no settlement being arrived at, the Railway shall be entitled to execute the extra works by other means and the Contractor shall have no claim for loss or damage that may result from such procedure.

39.(2) Provided that if the Contractor commences work or incurs any expenditure in regard thereto before the rates as determined and agreed upon as lastly hereuntofore-mentioned, then and in such a case the Contractor shall only be entitled to be paid in respect of the work carried out or expenditure incurred by him prior to the date of determination of the rates as aforesaid

according to the rates as shall be fixed by the Engineer. However, if the Contractor is not satisfied with the decision of the Engineer in this respect, he may appeal to the Chief Engineer within 30 days of getting the decision of the Engineer, supported by analysis of the rates claimed. The Chief Engineer's decision after hearing both the parties in the matter would be final and binding on the Contractor and the Railway.

40.(1) Handing over of Works: The Contractor shall be bound to hand over the works executed under the contract to the Railway complete in all respects to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Engineer shall determine the date on which the work is considered to have been completed, in support of which his certificate shall be regarded as sufficient evidence for all purposes. The Engineer shall determine from time to time, the date on which any particular section of the work shall have been completed, and the Contractor shall be bound to observe any such determination of the Engineer.

40.(2) Clearance of Site on Completion: On completion of the works, the Contractor shall clear away and remove from the site all constructional plant, surplus materials, rubbish and temporary works of every kind and leave the whole of the site and works clean and in a workman like condition to the satisfaction of the Engineer. No final payment in settlement of the accounts for the works shall be paid, held to be due or shall be made to the, Contractor till, in addition to any other condition necessary for final payment, site clearance shall have been affected by him, and such clearance may be made by the Engineer at the expense of the Contractor in the event of his failure to comply with this provision within 7 days after receiving notice to that effect. Should it become necessary for the Engineer to have the site cleared at the expenses of the Contractor, the Railway shall not be held liable for any loss or damage to such of the Contractor's property as may be on the site and due to such removal there from which removal may be affected by means of public sales of such materials and property or in such a way as deemed fit and convenient to the Engineer.

VARIATIONS IN EXTENT OF CONTRACT

41. Modification to Contract to be in Writing: In the event of any of the provisions of the contract required to be modified after the contract documents have been signed, the modifications shall be made in writing and signed by the Railway and the Contractor and no work shall proceed under such modifications until this has been done. Any verbal or written arrangement abandoning, modifying, extending, reducing or supplementing the contract or any of the terms thereof shall be deemed conditional and shall not be binding on the Railway unless and until the same is incorporated in a formal instrument and signed by the Railway and the Contractor, and till then the Railway shall have the right to repudiate such arrangements.

42.(1) Powers of Modification to Contract: The Engineer on behalf of the Railway shall be entitled by order in writing to enlarge or extend, diminish or reduce the works or make any alterations in their design, character position, site, quantities, dimensions or in the method of their execution or in the combination and use of materials for the execution thereof or to order any additional work to be done or any works not to be done and the Contractor will not be

entitled, to any compensation for any increase/reduction in the quantities of work but will be paid only for the actual amount of work done and for approved materials supplied against a specific order.

42.(2) (i) Unless otherwise specified in the special conditions of the contract, the accepted variation in quantity of each individual item of the contract would be upto 25% of the quantity originally contracted, except in case of foundation work.

(ii) The Contractor shall be bound to carry out the work at the agreed rates and shall not be entitled to any claim or any compensation whatsoever upto the limit of 25% variation in quantity of individual item of works.

(iii) In case an increase in quantity of an individual item by more than 25% of the agreement quantity is considered unavoidable, then same shall be executed at following rates

(a) Quantities operated in excess of 125% but upto 140% of the agreement quantity of the concerned item, shall be paid at 98% of the rate awarded for that item in that particular tender;
(b) Quantities operated in excess of 140% but upto 150% of the agreement quantity of the concerned item shall be paid at 96% of the rate awarded for that item in that particular tender;
(c) Variation in quantities of individual items beyond 150% will be avoided and would be permitted only in exceptional unavoidable circumstances and shall be paid at 96% of the rate awarded for that item in that particular tender.
(d) Variation to quantities of Minor Value Item:
The limit for varying quantities for minor value items shall be 100% (as against 25% prescribed for other items). A minor value item for this purpose is defined as an item whose original agreement value is less than 1 % of the total original agreement value.
d.(i) Quantities operated upto and including 100% of the agreement quantity of the concerned minor value item, shall be paid at the
rate awarded for that item in that particular tender;
d.(ii) Quantities operated in excess of 100% but upto 200% of the agreement quantity of the concerned minor value item, shall be paid at 98% of the rate awarded for that item in that particular tender;
d.(iii) Variation in quantities of individual minor value item beyond 200% will be avoided and would be permitted only in exceptional unavoidable circumstances and shall be paid at 96% of the rate awarded for that item in that particular tender.

(iv) In case of earthwork, the variation limit of 25% shall apply to the gross quantity of earthwork and variation in the quantities of individual classifications of soil shall not be subject to this limit.

(v) In case of foundation work, no variation limit shall apply and the work shall be carried out by the Contractor on agreed rates irrespective of any variation.

(vi) As far as SOR items are concerned, the limit of 25% would apply to the value of SOR schedule as a whole and not on individual SOR items. However, in case of NS items, the limit

of 25% would apply on the individual items irrespective of the manner of quoting the rate (single percentage rate or individual item rate).

42.(3) Valuation of Variations: The enlargements, extensions, diminution, reduction, alterations or additions referred to in Sub-Clause (2) of this Clause shall in no degree affect the validity of the contract; but shall be performed by the Contractor as provided therein and be subject to the same conditions, stipulations and obligations as if they had been originally and expressively included and provided for in the Specifications and Drawings and the amounts to be paid therefor shall be calculated in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Rates. Any extra items/quantities of work falling outside the purview of the provisions of Sub-Clause (2) above shall be paid for at the rates determined under Clause-39 of these Conditions.

CLAIMS

43.(1) Quarterly Statement of Claims: The Contractor shall prepare and furnish to the Engineer once in every quarter commencing from the month following the month of issue of Letter of Acceptance, an account giving full and detailed particulars of all claims for any additional expenses to which the Contractor may consider himself entitled to and of all extra or additional works ordered by the Engineer which he has executed during the preceding ~~month~~ quarter and no claim for payment for such work will be considered which has not been included in such particulars.

43.(2) Signing of "No Claim" Certificate : The Contractor shall not be entitled to make any claim whatsoever against the Railway under or by virtue of or arising out of this contract, nor shall the Railway entertain or consider any such claim, if made by the Contractor, after he shall have signed a "No Claim" Certificate in favour of the Railway in such form as shall be required by the Railway after the works are finally measured up. The Contactor shall be debarred from disputing the correctness of the items covered by "No Claim" Certificate or demanding a clearance to arbitration in respect thereof.

MEASUREMENTS, CERTIFICATES AND PAYMENTS

44. Quantities in Schedule Annexed to Contract: The quantities set out in the accepted Schedule of Rates with items of works quantified are the estimated quantities of the works and they shall not be taken as the actual and correct quantities of the work to be executed by the Contractor in fulfillment of his obligations under the contract.

45(i). Measurement of Works by Railway: The Contractor shall be paid for the works at the rates in the accepted Schedule of Rates and for extra works at rates determined under Clause 39 of these Conditions on the measurements taken by the Engineer or the Engineer's representative in accordance with the rules prescribed for the purpose by the Railway. The quantities for items the unit of which in the accepted Schedule of Rates is 100 or 1000 shall be calculated to the nearest whole number, any fraction below half being dropped and half and

above being taken as one; for items the unit of which in the accepted Schedule of Rates is single, the quantities shall be calculated to two places of decimals. Such measurements will be taken of the work in progress from time to time and at such intervals as in the opinion of the Engineer shall be proper having regard to the progress of works. The date and time on which 'on account' or 'final' measurements are to be made shall be communicated to the Contractor who shall be present at the site and shall sign the results of the measurements (which shall also be signed by the Engineer or the Engineer's representative) recorded in the official measurements book as an acknowledgement of his acceptance of the accuracy of the measurements. Failing the Contractor's attendance, the work may be measured up in his absence and such measurements shall, notwithstanding such absence, be binding upon the Contractor whether or not he shall have signed the measurement books provided always that any objection made by him to measurement shall be duly investigated and considered in the manner set out below:

(a) It shall be open to the Contractor to take specific objection to any recorded measurements or Classification on any ground within seven days of the date of such measurements. Any re-measurement taken by the Engineer or the Engineer's representative in the presence of the Contractor or in his absence after due notice has been given to him in consequence of objection made by the Contractor shall be final and binding on the Contractor and no claim whatsoever shall thereafter be entertained regarding the accuracy and Classification of the measurements.

(b) If an objection raised by the Contractor is found by the Engineer to be incorrect the Contractor shall be liable to pay the actual expenses incurred in measurements.

45(ii). **Measurement of Works by Contractor's Authorized Representative (in case the contract provides for the same):**

(a) The Contractor shall be paid for the works at the rates in the accepted Schedule of Rates and for extra works at rates determined under Clause 39 of these Conditions on the measurements taken by the Contractor's authorized Engineer in accordance with the rules prescribed for the purpose by the Railway. The quantities for items the unit of which in the accepted Schedule of Rates is 100 or 1000 shall be calculated to the nearest whole number, any fraction below half being dropped and half and above being taken as one; for items the unit of which in the accepted Schedule of Rates is single, the quantities shall be calculated to two places of decimals. Such measurements will be taken of the work in progress from time to time. The date and time on which 'on account' or 'final' measurements are to be made shall be communicated to the Engineer.

The date and time of test checks shall be communicated to the Contractor who shall be present at the site and shall witness the test checks, failing the Contractor's attendance the test checks may be conducted in his absence and such test checks shall not withstanding such absence be binding upon Contractor provided always that any objection made by Contractor to test check shall be duly investigated and considered in the manner set out below:

(i) It shall be open to the Contractor to take specific objection to test checks of any recorded measurement within 7 days of date of such test checks. Any re-test check done by the concerned Railway's authority in the presence of the Contractor or in his absence after due notice given to him in consequent of objection made by the Contractor shall be final and binding on the Contractor and no claim whatsoever shall thereafter be entertained regarding the accuracy and classification of the measurements.

(ii) If an objection raised by the Contractor is found by the Engineer to be incorrect the Contractor shall be liable to pay the actual expenses incurred in measurements.

(b) Incorrect measurement, actions to be taken: If in case during test check or otherwise, it is detected by the Engineer that agency has claimed any exaggerated measurement or has claimed any false measurement for the works which have not been executed; amounting to variation of 5% or more of claimed gross bill amount, action shall be taken as following:

(i) On first occasion of noticing exaggerated/ false measurement, Engineer shall impose a penalty of 10% of claimed gross bill value.

(ii) On any next occasion of noticing any exaggerated/false measurement, railway shall impose penalty of 15% of claimed gross bill value. In addition the facility of recording of measurements by Contractor as well as release of provisional payment shall be withdrawn. Once withdrawn, measurements shall be done by railway as per clause 45(i) above.

46.(1) "On-Account " Payments: The Contractor shall be entitled to be paid from time to time by way of "On-Account" payment only for such works as in the opinion of the Engineer he has executed in terms of the contract. All payments due on the Engineer's/Engineer's Representative's certificates of measurements or Engineer's certified "Contractor's authorized Engineer's measurements" shall be subject to any deductions which may be made under these presents and shall further be subject to, unless otherwise required by Clause 16 of these Conditions, a retention of ten percent by way of Security Deposits, until the amount of Security Deposit by way of such retentions shall amount to 5% of the total value of the contract provided always that the Engineer may by any certificate make any correction or modification in any previous certificate which shall have been issued by him and that the Engineer may withhold any certificate, if the works or any part thereof are not being carried out to his satisfaction.

46.(2) Rounding off Amounts: The total amount due on each certificate shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee, i.e. sum less than 50 paise shall be omitted and sums of 50 paise and more upto ₹1 will be reckoned as ₹ 1.

46.(3) On Account Payments not Prejudicial to Final Settlement: "On-Account" payments made to the Contractor shall be without prejudice to the final making up of the accounts (except where measurements are specifically noted in the Measurement Book as "Final Measurements" and as such have been signed by the Contractor and Engineer/Engineer's Representative) and shall in no respect be considered or used as evidence

of any facts stated in or to be inferred from such accounts nor of any particular quantity of work having been executed nor of the manner of its execution being satisfactory.

46.(4) Manner of Payment: Unless otherwise specified payments to the Contractor will be transferred electronically to his bank account.

46A. Price Variation Clause (PVC):

46A.1 Applicability: Price Variation Clause (PVC) shall be applicable only in those contracts where tender conditions specifically permits it and irrespective of the contract completion period. Materials supplied free of cost by Railway to the Contractors and any extra item(s) included in subsequent variation falling outside the purview of the Schedule of Items of tender shall fall outside the purview of Price Variation Clause. If, in any case, accepted offer includes some specific payment to be made to consultants or some materials supplied by Railway free or at fixed rate, such payments shall be excluded from the gross value of the work for the purpose of payment/recovery of price variation.

46A.2 Base Month: The Base Month for 'Price Variation Clause' shall be taken as month 28 days prior to opening of tender including extensions, if any, unless otherwise stated elsewhere. The quarter for applicability of PVC shall commence from the month following the month of opening of tender. The Price Variation shall be based on the average Price Index of the quarter under consideration.

46A.3 Validity:

Rates accepted by Railway Administration shall hold good till completion of work and no additional individual claim shall be admissible except:

(a) Payment/recovery for increase/decrease in GST on works contract or imposition/removal of any tax/cess on Works Contract as per Clause 37,
(b) Payment/recovery for overall market situation as per Price Variation Clause given hereunder.

46A.4 Adjustment for variation in prices of material, labour, fuel, explosives, detonators, steel, concreting, ferrous, non-ferrous, insulators, zinc and cement shall be determined in the manner prescribed.

46A.5 Components of various items in a contract on which variation in prices be admissible, shall be Material, Labour, Fuel, Explosives & Detonators, Steel, Cement, Concreting, Ferrous, Non-ferrous, Insulator, Zinc, Erection etc. However, for fixed components, no price variation shall be admissible.

46A.6 The percentages of labour component, material component, fuel component etc. in various types of Engineering contracts shall be as under:

Sl. No	Component	E/Work & Minor Bridges Contracts, Ballast Supply Contracts, Tunneling Contracts (without explosive)	Tunneling Contracts (with explosives)	Major and Important Bridges Contracts	Building Contracts	Permanent Way linking Contracts (Manual)	Other Works Contracts
1	Labour Component	20	20	20	40	50	20
2	Other Material Components	10	15	30	35	5	20
3	Plant Machinery & Spares	30	15	20	5	15	30
4	Fuel & Lubricants Component	25	15	15	5	15	15
5	Fixed Component*	15	15	15	15	15	15
6	Detonators & Explosive Component	-	20	-	-	-	-

* It shall not be considered for any price variation.

46A.7 Formulae: The Amount of variation in prices in several components (labour, material etc.) shall be worked out by the following formulae:

(i) $L = \frac{W \times (L_Q - L_B)}{L_B} \times \frac{L_C}{100}$

(ii) $M = \frac{W \times (M_Q - M_B)}{M_B} \times \frac{M_C}{100}$

(iii) $F = \frac{W \times (F_Q - F_B)}{F_B} \times \frac{F_C}{100}$

(iv) $E = \frac{W \times (E_Q - E_B)}{E_B} \times \frac{E_C}{100}$

(v) $PM = \frac{W \times (PM_Q - PM_B)}{PM_B} \times \frac{PM_C}{100}$

(vi) $S = S_W \times \frac{(S_Q - S_B)}{S_B}$

(vii) $C = C_V \times (C_Q - C_B) / C_B$

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(viii) $T = [(C_S - C_O) / C_O \times 0.4136] \times T_C$

(ix) $R = [(R_T - R_O) / R_O + (Z_T - Z_O) / Z_O \times 0.06] \times R_C$

(x) $N = [(P_T - P_O) / P_O] \times N_C$

(xi) $Z = [(Z_T - Z_O) / Z_O] \times Z_C$

(xii) $I = [(I_T - I_O) / I_T] \times 85$

Where,

L	Amount of price variation in Labour
M	Amount of price variation in Materials
F	Amount of price variation in Fuel
E	Amount of price variation in Explosives
PM	Amount of price variation in Manufacture of machinery for mining, Quarrying and Construction
S	Amount of price variation in Steel
C	Amount of price variation in Cement
T	Amount of price variation in Concreting
R	Amount of price variation in Ferrous Items
N	Amount of price variation in Non-Ferrous Items
Z	Amount of price variation in Zinc
I	Amount of price variation in Insulator
L_C	% of Labour Component
M_C	% of Material Component
F_C	% of Fuel Component
E_C	% of Explosive Component
PM_C	% of Manufacture of machinery for mining, Quarrying and Construction Component
T_C	% of Concreting Component
R_C	% of Ferrous Component
N_C	% of Non-Ferrous Component
Z_C	% of Zinc Component
W	Gross value of work done by Contractor as per on-account bill(s) excluding cost of materials supplied by Railway at fixed price, minus the price values of cement and steel. This will also exclude specific payment, if any, to be made to the consultants engaged by Contractors (such payment shall be indicated in the Contractor's offer)
L_B	Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers - All India : Published in R.B.I. Bulletin for the base period
L_Q	Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers - All India : Published in R.B.I. Bulletin for the average price index of the 3 months of the quarter under consideration
M_B	Wholesale Price Index: All commodities – as published in the R.B.I. Bulletin for the base period
M_Q	Wholesale Price Index: All commodities – as published in the R.B.I. Bulletin for the average price index of the 3 months of the quarter under consideration
F_B	Wholesale Price Index for the group Fuel & Power as published in the R.B.I. Bulletin for the base period

F_Q Index Number of Wholesale Price Index – By Groups and Sub-Groups for the group Fuel & Power as published in the R.B.I. Bulletin for the average price index of the 3 months of the quarter under consideration

E_B Index number of Monthly Whole Sale Price Index for the category 'Explosive' of (g).Manufacture of other chemical products under (J). MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), for the base period.

E_Q Index number of Monthly Whole Sale Price Index for the category 'Explosive' of (g).Manufacture of other chemical products under (J). MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), for the average price index of 3 months of the quarter under consideration.

PM_B Index number of Monthly Whole Sale Price Index for the category 'k. Manufacture of machinery for mining, quarrying and construction' under (R) MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), for the base period.

PM_Q Index number of Monthly Whole Sale Price Index for the category 'k. Manufacture of machinery for mining, quarrying and construction' under (R) MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), for the average price index of 3 months of the quarter under consideration.

S_W Gross value of steel supplied by the Contractor as per the 'on-account' bill for the month under consideration

S_B Index number of Monthly Whole Sale Price Index for the relevant category of mild steel item as mentioned in Clause 46A.9, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP); for the base period.

S_Q Index number of Monthly Whole Sale Price Index for the relevant category of mild steel item as mentioned in Clause 46A.9, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP); for the average price index of the 3 months of the quarter under consideration.

C_V Value of Cement supplied by Contractor as per on account bill in the quarter under consideration

C_B Index No. of Wholesale Price Index of sub-group Cement, Lime & Plaster as published in RBI Bulletin for the base period

C_Q No. of Wholesale Price Index of sub-group Cement, Lime & Plaster as published in RBI Bulletin for the average price index of the 3 months of the quarter under consideration

C_S RBI wholesale price index for Cement, Lime & Plaster for the month which is six months prior to date of casting of foundation

C_o RBI wholesale price index for Cement, Lime & Plaster for the month which is one month prior to date of opening of tender

R_T IEEMA price index for Iron & Steel for the month which is two months prior to date of inspection of material.

R_O IEEMA price index for Iron & Steel for the month which is one month prior to date of opening of tender.

P_T IEEMA price index for Copper wire bar for the month which is two months prior to date of inspection of material.

P_O IEEMA price index for Copper wire bar for the month which is one month prior to date of opening of tender.

Z_T IEEMA price index for Zinc for the month which is two months prior to date of inspection of material

Z_O IEEMA price index for Zinc for the month which is one month prior to date of opening of tender

I_T RBI wholesale price index for the sub-group "other Portland and Ceramic product" for the month which is two months prior to date of inspection of material

I_O RBI wholesale price index for the sub-group "other Portland and Ceramic product" for the month which is one month prior to date of opening of tender

46A.8 The demands for escalation of cost shall be allowed on the basis of provisional indices as mentioned above in Clause 46A.7. Any adjustment needed to be done based on the finally published indices shall be made as and when they become available.

46A.9: Relevant categories of steel for the purpose of operating Price Variation formula as mentioned in this Clause shall be as under:

SL	Category of Steel Supplied in Railway Work	Category of Steel Items as mentioned in Office of Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP).
1.	Reinforcement bars and other rounds	'MS Bright Bars' individual commodity of group item (d) Mild Steel-Long Products under (N) MANUFACTURE OF BASIC METAL.
2.	All types and-sizes of angles, channels and joists	'Angles, Channels, Sections, Steel' individual commodity of group item (d) Mild Steel-Long Products under (N) MANUFACTURE OF BASIC METAL.
3.	All types and sizes of plates	'e. Mild Steel – Flat Products' of (N) MANUFACTURER OF BASIC METAL.
4.	Any other section of steel not covered in the above categories and excluding HTS	Average of price for the 3 categories covered under SL 1, 2 & 3 above

46A.10 Price Variation during Extended Period of Contract

The price adjustment as worked out above, i.e. either increase or decrease shall be applicable upto the stipulated date of completion of work including the extended period of completion

where such extension has been granted under Clause 17-A of the Standard General Conditions of Contract. However, where extension of time has been granted due to Contractor's failure under Clause 17-B of the Standard General Conditions of Contract, price adjustment shall be done as follows:

a. In case the indices increase above the indices applicable to the last month of original completion period or the extended period under Clause 17-A, the price adjustment for the period of extension granted under Clause 17-B shall be limited to the amount payable as per the Indices applicable to the last month of the original completion period or the extended period under Clause 17-A of the Standard General Conditions of Contract; as the case may be.
b. In case the indices fall below the indices applicable to the last month of original/ extended period of completion under Clause 17-A, as the case may be; then the lower indices shall be adopted for the price adjustment for the period of extension under Clause 17-B of the Standard General Conditions of Contract.

47. Maintenance of Works: The Contractor shall at all times during the progress and continuance of the works and also for the period of maintenance specified in the Tender Form after the date of issue of the certificate of completion by the Engineer or any other earlier date subsequent to the completion of the works that may be fixed by the Engineer, be responsible for and effectively maintain and uphold in good substantial, sound and perfect condition all and every part of the works and shall make good from time to time and at all times as often as the Engineer shall require, any damage or defect that may during the above period arise in or be discovered or be in any way connected with the works, provided that such damage or defect is not directly caused by errors in the contract documents, act of providence or insurrection or civil riot, and the Contractor shall be liable for and shall pay and make good to the Railway or other persons legally entitled thereto whenever required by the Engineer so to do, all losses, damages, costs and expenses they or any of them may incur or be put or be liable to by reasons or in consequence of the operations of the Contractor or of his failure in any respect.

48.(1) Certificate of Completion of Works: As soon as in the opinion of the Engineer, the work has been completed and has satisfactorily passed any final test or tests that may be prescribed, the Engineer shall issue a certificate of completion duly indicating the date of completion in respect of the work and the period of maintenance of the work shall commence from the date of completion mentioned in such certificate. The certificate, inter alia, should mention that the work has been completed in all respects and that all the contractual obligations have been fulfilled by the Contractor and that there is no due from the Contractor to Railways against the contract concerned.

The Engineer may also issue such a certificate indicating date of completion with respect to any part of the work (before the completion of the whole of work), which has been both completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer and occupied or used by the Railway. When any such certificate is given in respect of part of a work, such part shall be considered as completed

and the period of maintenance of such part shall commence from the date of completion mentioned in the completion certificate issued for that part of the work.

48.(2) Contractor not Absolved by Completion Certificate: The Certificate of Completion in respect of the works referred to in Sub-Clause (1) of this Clause shall not absolve the Contractor from his liability to make good any defects imperfections, shrinkages or faults which may appear during the period of maintenance specified in the tender arising in the opinion of the Engineer from materials or workmanship not in accordance with the drawings or specifications or instruction of the Engineer, which defects, imperfections, shrinkages or faults shall upon the direction in writing of the Engineer be amended and made good by the Contractor at his own cost; and in case of default on the part of Contractor, the Engineer may employ labour and materials or appoint another Contractor to amend and make good such defects, imperfections, shrinkages and faults and all expenses consequent thereon and incidental thereto shall be borne by the Contractor and shall be recoverable from any moneys due to him under the contract.

48(3) Final Supplementary Agreement: After the work is completed and taken over by the Railway as per terms and conditions of the contract agreement or otherwise concluded by the parties with mutual consent and full and final payment is made by the Railway to the Contractor for work done, and there is unequivocal no claim on either side under the contract, the parties shall execute the final supplementary agreement annexed as per Annexure XIV.

49. Approval only by Maintenance Certificate: No certificate other than maintenance certificate referred to in Clause 50 of the Conditions shall be deemed to constitute approval of any work or other matter in respect of which it is issued or shall be taken as an admission of the due performance of the contract or any part thereof.

50.(1) Maintenance Certificate: The Contract shall not be considered as completed until a Maintenance Certificate shall have been signed by the Engineer stating that the works have been completed and maintained to his satisfaction. The Maintenance Certificate shall be given by the Engineer upon the expiration of the period of maintenance or as soon thereafter as any works ordered during such period pursuant to Sub Clause (2) to Clause 48 of these Conditions shall have been completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer, and full effect shall be given to this Clause notwithstanding the taking possession of or using the works or any part thereof by the Railway.

The Competent Authority to issue above Maintenance Certificate shall normally be the authority who is competent to sign the contract. If this Competent Authority is of the rank lower than JA Grade, then a JA Grade Officer (concerned with the work) should issue the certificate. The certificate, inter alia, should mention that the work has been completed in all respects and that all the contractual obligations have been fulfilled by the Contractor and that there is no due from the Contractor to Railways against the contract concerned

50.(2) Cessation of Railway's Liability: The Railway shall not be liable to the Contractor for any matter arising out of or in connection with the contract for execution of the works unless the Contractor has made a claim in writing in respect thereof before the issue of the Maintenance Certificate under this clause.

50.(3) Unfulfilled Obligations: Notwithstanding the issue of the Maintenance Certificate the Contractor and (subject to Sub-Clause (2) of this Clause) the Railway shall remain liable for the fulfillment of any obligation incurred under the provision of the contract prior to the issue of the Maintenance Certificate which remains unperformed at the time such certificate is issued and for the purposes of determining the nature and extent of any such obligations, the contract shall be deemed to remain in force between the parties thereto.

51.(1) Final Payment: On the Engineer's certificate of completion in respect of the works, adjustment shall be made and the balance of account based on the Engineer or the Engineer's representative's certified measurements or Engineer's certified "contractor's authorized engineer's measurements" of the total quantity of work executed by the Contractor upto the date of completion and on the accepted schedule of rates and for extra works on rates determined under Clause 39 of these Conditions shall be paid to the Contractor subject always to any deduction which may be made under these presents and further subject to the Contractor having signed delivered to the Engineer enclosing either a full account in detail of all claims he may have on the Railway in respect of the works or having delivered No Claim Certificate and the Engineer having after the receipt of such account given a certificate in writing that such claims are not covered under excepted matter i.e. Clauses 8, 18, 22(5), 39, 43(2), 45(a), 55, 55-A(5), 57, 57A, 61(1), 61(2) and 62(1) to (xiii)(B) of Standard General Conditions of Contract or in any Clause of the Special Conditions of the Contract, that the whole of the works to be done under the provisions of the Contracts have been completed, that they have been inspected by him since their completion and found to be in good and substantial order, that all properties, works and things, removed, disturbed or injured in consequence of the works have been properly replaced and made good and all expenses and demands incurred by or made upon the Railway for or in the respect of damage or loss by from or in consequence of the works, have been satisfied agreeably and in conformity with the contract.

51.(2) Post Payment Audit: It is an agreed term of contract that the Railway reserves to itself the right to carry out a post-payment audit and/ or technical examination of the works and the final bill including all supporting vouchers, abstracts etc. and to make a claim on the Contractor for the refund of any excess amount paid to him till the release of security deposit or settlement of claims, whichever is later, if as a result of such examination any over-payment to him is discovered to have been made in respect of any works done or alleged to have been done by him under the contract.

51-A. Production of Vouchers etc. by the Contractor:

(i) For a contract of more than one crore of rupees, the Contractor shall, whenever required, produce or cause to be produced for examination by the Engineer any quotation, invoice,

cost or other account, book of accounts, voucher, receipt, letter, memorandum, paper of writing or any copy of or extract from any such document and also furnish information and returns verified in such manner as may be required in any way relating to the execution of this contract or relevant for verifying or ascertaining cost of execution of this contract (the decision of the Engineer on the question of relevancy of any documents, information or return being final and binding in the parties). The Contractor shall similarly produce vouchers etc., if required to prove to the Engineer, that materials supplied by him, are in accordance with the specifications laid down in the contract.

(ii) If any portion of the work in a contract of value more than one crore of rupees be carried out by a sub-contractor or any subsidiary or allied firm or company (as per Clause 7 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract), the Engineer shall have power to secure the books of such sub-contract or any subsidiary or allied firm or company, through the Contractor, and such books shall be open to his inspection.

(iii) The obligations imposed by Sub Clause (i) & (ii) above is without prejudice to the obligations of the Contractor under any statute rules or orders binding on the Contractor.

52. Withholding and Lien in Respect of Sums Claimed: Whenever any claim or claims for payment of a sum of money arises out of or under the contract against the Contractor, the Railway shall be entitled to withhold and also have a lien to retain such sum or sums in whole or in part from the security, if any, deposited by the Contractor and for the purpose aforesaid, the Railway shall be entitled to withhold the said cash Security Deposit or the Security if any, furnished as the case may be and also have a lien over the same pending finalization or adjudication of any such claim. In the event of the security being insufficient to cover the claimed amount or amounts or if no security has been taken from the Contractor, the Railway shall be entitled to withhold and have a lien to the extent of the such claimed amount or amounts referred to supra, from any sum or sums found payable or which at any time thereafter may become payable to the Contractor under the same contract or any other contract with this or any other Railway or any Department of the Central Government pending finalization or adjudication of any such claim.

It is an agreed term of the contract that the sum of money or moneys so withheld or retained under the lien referred to above, by the Railway will be kept withheld or retained as such by the Railways till the claim arising out of or under the contract is determined by the arbitrator (if the contract governed by the Arbitration Clause) or by the competent court as the case may be and that the Contractor will have no claim for interest or damages whatsoever on any account in respect of such withholding or retention under the lien referred to supra and duly notified as such to the Contractor. For the purpose of this clause, where the Contractor is a partnership firm or a company, the Railway shall be entitled to withhold and also have a lien to retain towards such claimed amount or amounts in whole or in part from any sum found payable to any partner / company, as the case may be whether in his individual capacity or otherwise.

52-A Lien in Respect of Claims in other Contracts:

(i) Any sum of money due and payable to the Contractor (including the Security Deposit returnable to him) under the contract may be withheld or retained by way of lien by the Railway, against any claim of this or any other Railway or any other Department of the Central Government in respect of payment of a sum of money arising out of or under any other contract made by the Contractor with this or any other Department of the Central Government.

(ii) However, recovery of claims of Railway in regard to terminated contracts may be made from the Final Bills, Security Deposits and Performance Guarantees of other contract or contracts, executed by the Contractor. The Performance Guarantees submitted by the Contractor against other contracts, if required, may be withheld and encashed. In addition, 10% of each subsequent 'on-account bill' may be withheld, if required, for recovery of Railway's dues against the terminated contract.

(iii) It is an agreed term of the contract that the sum of money so withheld or retained under this Clause by the Railway will be kept withheld or retained as such by the Railway till the claim arising out of or under any other contract is either mutually settled or determined by arbitration, if the other contract is governed by Arbitration Clause or by the competent court as the case may be and Contractor shall have no claim for interest or damages whatsoever on this account or on any other ground in respect of any sum of money withheld or retained under this Clause and duly notified as such to the Contractor.

53. Signature on Receipts for Amounts: Every receipt for money which may become payable or for any security which may become transferable to the Contractors under these presents, shall, if signed in the partnership name by anyone of the partners of a Contractor's firm be a good and sufficient discharge to the Railway in respect of the moneys or security purported to be acknowledged thereby and in the event of death of any of the Contractor, partners during the pendency of the contract, it is hereby expressly agreed that every receipt by anyone of the surviving Contractor partners shall if so signed as aforesaid be good and sufficient discharge as aforesaid provided that nothing in this Clause contained shall be deemed to prejudice or effect any claim which the Railway may hereafter have against the legal representative of any Contractor partner so dying for or in respect to any breach of any of the conditions of the contract, provided also that nothing in this clause contained shall be deemed to prejudice or effect the respective rights or obligations of the Contractor partners and of the legal representatives of any deceased Contractor partners interse.

LABOUR

54. Wages to Labour: The Contractor shall be responsible to ensure compliance with the provision of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act") and the Rules made thereunder in respect of any employees directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractors employed by him for the purpose of carrying out this contract.

If, in compliance with the terms of the contract, the Contractor supplied any labour to be used wholly or partly under the direct orders and control of the Railways whether in connection with any work being executed by the Contractor or otherwise for the purpose of the Railway such labour shall, for the purpose of this Clause, still be deemed to be persons employed by the Contractor.

If any moneys shall, as a result of any claim or application made under the said Act be directed to be paid by the Railway, such money shall be deemed to be moneys payable to the Railway by the Contractor and on failure by the Contractor to repay the Railway any moneys paid by it as aforesaid within seven days after the same shall have been demanded, the Railways shall be entitled to recover the same from Contractor's bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India.

54-A. Apprentices Act: The Contractor shall be responsible to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1961 and the Rules and Orders issued thereunder from time to time in respect of apprentices directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractors employed by him for the purpose of carrying out the Contract.

If the Contractor directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractors fails to do so, his failure will be a breach of the contract and the Railway may, in its discretion, rescind the contract. The Contractor shall also be liable for any pecuniary liability arising on account of any violation of the provisions of the Act.

55. Provisions of Payments of Wages Act: The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 and the rules made thereunder in respect of all employees employed by him either directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractors in the works. If in compliance with the terms of the contract, the Contractor directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractors shall supply any labour to be used wholly or partly under the direct orders and control of the Engineer whether in connection with the works to be executed hereunder or otherwise for the purpose of the Engineer, such labour shall nevertheless be deemed to comprise persons employed by the Contractor and any moneys which may be ordered to be paid by the Engineer shall be deemed to be moneys payable by the Engineer on behalf of the Contractor and the Engineer may on failure of the Contractor to repay such money to the Railways deduct the same from any moneys due to the Contractor in terms of the contract. The Railway shall be entitled to recover the same from Contractor's bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India all moneys paid or payable by the Railway by way of compensation of aforesaid or for costs of expenses in connection with any claim thereto and the decision of the Engineer upon any question arising out of the effect or force of this Clause shall be final and binding upon the Contractor.

55-A. Provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970:

55-A.(1) The Contractor shall comply with the provision of the contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules 1971 as modified from time to time, wherever applicable and shall also indemnify the Railway from and against any claims under the aforesaid Act and the Rules.

55-A.(2) The Contractor shall obtain a valid license under the aforesaid Act as modified from time to time before the commencement of the work and continue to have a valid license until the completion of the work. Any failure to fulfill the requirement shall attract the penal provision of the Act.

55-A.(3) The Contractor shall pay to the labour employed by him directly or through sub-contractors the wages as per provision of the aforesaid Act and the Rules wherever applicable. The Contractor shall notwithstanding the provisions of the contract to the contrary, cause to be paid the wages to labour, indirectly engaged on the works including any engaged by sub-contractors in connection with the said work, as if the labour had been immediately employed by him.

55-A.(4) In respect of all labour directly or indirectly employed in the work for performance of the Contractor's part of the contract, the Contractor shall comply with or cause to be complied with the provisions of the aforesaid Act and Rules wherever applicable.

55-A.(5) In every case in which, by virtue of the provisions of the aforesaid Act or the rules, the Railway is obliged to pay any amount of wages to a workman employed by the Contractor or his sub-contractor in execution of the work or to incur any expenditure on account of the contingent, liability of the Railway due to the Contractor's failure to fulfill his statutory obligations under the aforesaid Act or the rules, the Railway will recover from the Contractor, the amount of wages so paid or the amount of expenditure so incurred and without prejudice to the rights of the Railway under the Section 20, Sub-Section (2) and Section 2, Sub-Section (4) of the aforesaid Act, the Railway shall be at liberty to recover such amount or part thereof from Contractor’s bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India. The Railway shall not be bound to contest any claim made against it under Sub-Section (1) of Section 20 and Sub-Section (4) of Section 21 of the aforesaid Act except on the written request of the Contractor and upon his giving to the Railway full security for all costs for which the Railway might become liable in contesting such claim. The decision of the Chief Engineer regarding the amount actually recoverable from the Contractor as stated above shall be final and binding on the Contractor.

55-B. Provisions of Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952: The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Para 30 & 36-B of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952; Para 3 & 4 of Employees’ Pension Scheme, 1995; and Para 7 & 8 of Employees Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976; as modified from time to time through enactment of “Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952”,

wherever applicable and shall also indemnify the Railway from and against any claims under the aforesaid Act and the Rules.

55-C (i) Contractor is to abide by the provisions of Payment of Wages act & Minimum Wages act in terms of clause 54 and 55 of Indian Railways General Condition of Contract. In order to ensure the same, an application has been developed and hosted on website 'www.shramikkalyan.indianrailways.gov.in'. Contractor shall register his firm/company etc. and upload requisite details of labour and their payment in this portal. These details shall be available in public domain. The Registration/ updation of Portal shall be done as under:

(a) Contractor shall apply for onetime registration of his company/firm etc. in the Shramikkalyan portal with requisite details subsequent to issue of Letter of Acceptance. Engineer shall approve the contractor's registration in the portal within 7 days of receipt of such request.
(b) Contractor once approved by any Engineer, can create password with login ID (PAN No.) for subsequent use of portal for all LoAs issued in his favour.
(c) The contractor once registered on the portal, shall provide details of his Letter of Acceptances (LoA) / Contract Agreements on shramikkalyan portal within 15 days of issue of any LoA for approval of concerned engineer. Engineer shall update (if required) and approve the details of LoA filled by contractor within 7 days of receipt of such request.
(d) After approval of LoA by Engineer, contractor shall fill the salient details of contract labours engaged in the contract and ensure updating of each wage payment to them on shramikkalyan portal on monthly basis.
(e) It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to ensure correct and prompt uploading of all salient details of engaged contractual labour & payments made thereof after each wage period.

(ii) While processing payment of any 'On Account bill' or 'Final bill' or release of 'Advances' or 'Performance Guarantee / Security deposit', contractor shall submit a certificate to the Engineer or Engineer's representatives that "I have uploaded the correct details of contract labours engaged in connection with this contract and payments made to them during the wage period in Railway's Shramikkalyan portal at 'www.shramikkalyan.indianrailways.gov.in' till ____Month, ____Year."

55-D. Provisions of "The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996" and "The Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996":

The tenderers, for carrying out any construction work, shall get themselves registered with the Registering Officer under Section-7 of the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996 and rules made thereto by the concerned State Govt., and submit certificate of Registration issued from the Registering Officer of the concerned State Govt. (Labour Dept.). The Cess shall be deducted from contractor's bills as per provisions of the Act.

56. Reporting of Accidents: The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of all employees directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractor employed by him on the works and shall report serious accidents to any of them however and wherever occurring on the works to the Engineer or the Engineers Representative and shall make every arrangements to render all possible assistance.

57. Provision of Workmen's Compensation Act: In every case in which by virtue of the provisions of Section 12 Sub-Section (1) of the Workmen's Compensation Act 1923, Railway is obliged to pay compensation to a workman directly or through petty Contractor or sub-contractor employed by the Contractor in executing the work, Railway will recover from the Contractor the amount of the compensation so paid, and, without prejudice to the rights of Railway under Section 12 Sub-section (2) of the said Act, Railway shall be at liberty to recover such amount or any part thereof from Contractor's bills/Security Deposit or any other dues of Contractor with the Government of India. Railway shall not be bound to contest any claim made against it under Section 12 Sub-Section (1) of the said Act except on the written request of the Contractor and upon his giving to Railway full security for all costs for which Railway might become liable in consequence of contesting such claim.

57-A. Provision of Mines Act: The Contractor shall observe and perform all the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and any rules and regulations made thereunder in respect of all the persons directly or through the petty Contractors or sub-contractors employed by him under this contract and shall indemnify the Railway from and against any claims under the Mines Act, or the rules and regulations framed thereunder, by or on behalf of any persons employed by him or otherwise.

58. Railway not to Provide Quarters for Contractors: No quarters shall normally be provided by the Railway for the accommodation of the Contractor or any of his staff employed on the work. In exceptional cases where accommodation is provided to the Contractor at the Railway's discretion, recoveries shall be made at such rates as may be fixed by the Railway for the full rent of the buildings and equipments therein as well as charges for electric current, water supply and conservancy.

59.(1) Labour Camps: The Contractor shall at his own expense make adequate arrangements for the housing, supply of drinking water and provision of latrines and urinals for his staff and workmen, directly or through the petty Contractors or sub-contractors and for temporary creche (Bal-mandir) where 50 or more women are employed at a time. Suitable sites on Railway land, if available, may be allotted to the Contractor for the erection of labour camps, either free of charge or on such terms and conditions that may be prescribed by the Railway. All camp sites shall be maintained in clean and sanitary conditions by the Contractor at his own cost.

59.(2) Compliance to Rules for Employment of Labour: The Contractor(s) shall conform to all laws, bye-laws rules and regulations for the time being in force pertaining to the

employment of local or imported labour and shall take all necessary precautions to ensure and preserve the health and safety of all staff employed directly or through petty contractors or sub-contractors on the works.

59.(3) Preservation of Peace: The Contractor shall take requisite precautions and use his best endeavours to

(i) Prevent any riotous or unlawful behaviour by or amongst his workmen and other employed directly or through the petty Contractors or sub-contractors on the works and for the preservation of peace and protection of the inhabitants and

(ii) Security of property in the neighbourhood of the works. In the event of the Railway requiring the maintenance of a Special Police Force at or in the vicinity of the site during the tenure of works, the expenses thereof shall be borne by the Contractor and if paid by the Railway shall be recoverable from the Contractor.

59.(4) Sanitary Arrangements: The Contractor shall obey all sanitary rules and carry out all sanitary measures that may from time to time be prescribed by the Railway Medical Authority and permit inspection of all sanitary arrangements at all times by the Engineer, the Engineer's Representative or the Medical Staff of the Railway. Should the Contractor fail to make the adequate sanitary arrangements, these will be provided by the Railway and the cost thereof recovered from the Contractor.

59.(5) Outbreak of Infectious Disease: The Contractor shall remove from his camp such labour and their families as refuse protective inoculation and vaccination when called upon to do so by the Engineer or the Engineer's Representative on the advice of the Railway Medical Authority. Should cholera, plague, or other infectious disease break out, the Contractor shall burn the huts, beddings, clothes and other belongings of or used by the infected parties and promptly erect new huts on healthy sites as required by the Engineer, failing which within the time specified in the Engineer's requisition, the work may be done by the Railway and the cost thereof recovered from the Contractor.

59.(6) Treatment of Contractor's Staff in Railway Hospitals: The Contractor and his staff, other than labourers and their families requiring medical aid from the railway hospital and dispensaries will be treated as private patients and charged accordingly. The Contractors' labourers and their Families will be granted free treatment in railway hospitals and dispensaries where no other hospitals or dispensaries are available provided the Contractor pays the cost of medicines, dressing and diet money according to the normal scale and additional charges for special examinations such as pathological and bacteriological examination, X-Ray, etc. and for surgical operation.

59. (7) Medical Facilities at Site: The Contractor shall provide medical facilities at the site as may be prescribed by the Engineer on the advice of the Railway Medical Authority in relation to the strength of the Contractor's resident staff and workmen.

59. (8) Use of Intoxicants: The sale of ardent spirits or other intoxicating beverages upon the work or in any of the buildings, encampments or tenements owned, occupied by or within the control of the Contractor or any of his employees shall be forbidden and the Contractor shall exercise his influence and authority to the utmost extent to secure strict compliance with this condition.

59.(9) Restrictions on the Employment of Retired Engineers of Railway Services Within One Year of their Retirement: The Contractor shall not, if he is a retired Government Engineer of Gazetted rank, himself engage in or employ or associate a retired Government Engineer of Gazetted rank, who has not completed one year from the date of retirement, in connection with this contract in any manner whatsoever without obtaining prior permission of the President and if the Contractor is found to have contravened this provision it will constitute a breach of contract and administration will be entitled to terminate the contract at the risk and cost of the Contractor and forfeit his Security Deposit.

60.(1) Non-Employment of Labourers below the age of 15: The Contractor shall not employ children below the age of 15 as labourers directly or through petty Contractors or sub-contractors for the execution of work.

60.(2) Medical Certificate of Fitness for Labour: It is agreed that the Contractor shall not employ a person above 15 and below 19 years of age for the purpose of execution of work under the contract unless a medical certificate of fitness in the prescribed form (Proforma at Annexure-VIII) granted to him by a certifying surgeon certifying that he is fit to work as an adult, is obtained and kept in the custody of the Contractor or a person nominated by him in this behalf and the person carries with him, while at work; a token giving a reference to such certificate. It is further agreed that the responsibility for having the adolescent examined medically at the time of appointment or periodically till he attains the age of 19 years shall devolve entirely on the Contractor and all the expenses to be incurred on this account shall be borne by him and no fee shall be charged from the adolescent or his parent for such medical examination.

60.(3) Period of Validity of Medical Fitness Certificate: A certificate of fitness granted or renewed for the above said purposes shall be valid only for a period of one year at a time. The certifying surgeon shall revoke a certificate granted or renewed if in his opinion the holder of it, is no longer fit for work in the capacity stated therein. Where a certifying surgeon refuses to grant or renew a certificate or revoke a certificate, he shall, if so required by the person concerned, state his reasons in writing for doing so.

60.(4) Medical Re-Examination of Labourer: Where any official appointed in this behalf by the Ministry of Labour is of the opinion that any person employed in connection with the execution of any work under this contract in the age group 15 to 19 years is without a certificate of fitness or is having a certificate of fitness but no longer fit to work in the capacity stated in the certificate, he may serve on the Contractor, or on the person nominated by him in this regard, a notice requiring that such persons shall be examined by a certifying surgeon and

such person shall not if the concerned official so directs, be employed or permitted to do any work under this contract unless he has been medically examined and certified that he is fit to work in the capacity stated in the certificate.

EXPLANATIONS:

(1) Only Qualified Medical Practitioners can be appointed as "Certifying Surgeons" and the term "Qualified Medical Practitioners" means a person holding a qualification granted by an authority specified in the Schedule to the Indian Medical Degrees Act, 1916 (VII to 1916) or in the Schedule to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1933 (XXVII) of 1933.

(2) The Certifying surgeon may be a medical officer in the service of State or Municipal Corporation.

DETERMINATION OF CONTRACT

61.(1) Right of Railway to Determine the Contract: The Railway shall be entitled to determine and terminate the contract at any time should, in the Railway's opinion, the cessation of work becomes necessary owing to paucity of funds or from any other cause whatever, in which case the value of approved materials at site and of work done to date by the Contractor will be paid for in full at the rate specified in the contract. Notice in writing from the Railway of such determination and the reasons therefor shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

61.(2) Payment on Determination of Contract: Should the contract be determined under sub clause (1) of this clause and the Contractor claims payment for expenditure incurred by him in the expectation of completing the whole of the work, the Railways shall admit and consider such claims as are deemed reasonable and are supported by vouchers to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Railway's decision on the necessity and propriety of such expenditure shall be final and conclusive.

61.(3) The Contractor shall have no claim to any payment of compensation or otherwise, howsoever on account of any profit or advantage which he might have derived from the execution of the work in full but which he did not derive in consequence of determination of contract.

62.(1) Determination of Contract owing to Default of Contractor:

If the Contractor should:

(i) Becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or

(ii) Make an arrangement for assignment in favour of his creditors, or agree to carry out the contract under a Committee of Inspection of his creditors, or

(iii) Being a Company or Corporation, go into liquidation (other than a voluntary liquidation for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction), or

(iv) Have an execution levied on his goods or property on the works, or

(v) Assign the contract or any part thereof otherwise than as provided in Clause 7 of these Conditions, or

(vi) Abandon the contract, or

(vii) Persistently disregard the instructions of the Engineer, or contravene any provision of the contract, or

(viii) Fail to adhere to the agreed programme of work by a margin of 10% of the stipulated period, or

(viii) Fail to Execute the contract documents in terms of Clause 8 of the Regulations for Tenders and Contracts.

(ix) Fails to submit the documents pertaining to identity of JV and PAN in terms of Clause 18.11 of Tender Form available in the Regulations for Tenders and Contracts.

(x) Fail to remove materials from the site or to pull down and replace work after receiving from the Engineer notice to the effect that the said materials or works have been condemned or rejected under Clause 25 and 27 of these Conditions, or

(xi) Fail to take steps to employ competent or additional staff and labour as required under Clause 26 of the Conditions, or

(xii) Fail to afford the Engineer or Engineer's representative proper facilities for inspecting the works or any part thereof as required under Clause 28 of the Conditions, or

(xiii) Promise, offer or give any bribe, commission, gift or advantage either himself or through his partner, agent or servant to any officer or employee of the Railway or to any person on his or on their behalf in relation to the execution of this or any other contract with this Railway.

(xiv) (A) At any time after the tender relating to the contract, has been signed and submitted by the Contractor, being a partnership firm admit as one of its partners or employee under it or being an incorporated company elect or nominate or allow to act as one of its directors or employee under it in any capacity whatsoever any retired Engineer of the gazetted rank or any other retired gazetted officer working before his retirement, whether in the executive or administrative capacity, or whether holding any pensionable post or not, in the Railways for the time being owned and administered by the President of India before the expiry of one year from the date of retirement from the said service of such Engineer or Officer unless such Engineer or Officer has obtained permission from the President of India or any officer duly authorized by him in this behalf to become a partner or a director or to take employment under the contract as the case may be, or

(B) Fail to give at the time of submitting the said tender:

(a) The correct information as to the date of retirement of such retired Engineer or retired officer from the said service, or as to whether any such retired Engineer or retired officer was under the employment of the Contractor at the time of submitting the said tender, or

(b) The correct information as to such Engineers or officers obtaining permission to take employment under the Contractor, or

(c) Being a partnership firm, the correct information as to, whether any of its partners was such a retired Engineer or a retired officer, or

(d) Being in incorporated company, correct information as to whether any of its directors was such a retired Engineer or a retired officer, or

(e) Being such a retired Engineer or retired officer suppress and not disclose at the time of submitting the said tender the fact of his being such a retired Engineer or a retired officer or make at the time of submitting the said tender a wrong statement in relation to his obtaining permission to take the contract or if the Contractor be a partnership firm or an incorporated company to be a partner or director of such firm or company as the case may be or to seek employment under the Contractor.

(f) Submits copy of fake documents / certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer

Then and in any of the **said Clause**, the Engineer on behalf of the Railway may serve the Contractor with a notice (Proforma at Annexure-IX) in writing to that effect and if the Contractor does not within seven days after the delivery to him of such notice proceed to make good his default in so far as the same is capable of being made good and carry on the work or comply with such directions as aforesaid of the entire satisfaction of the Engineer, the Railway shall be entitled after giving 48 hours' notice (Proforma at Annexure-X or XII, as the case may be) in writing under the hand of the Engineer to rescind the contract as a whole or in part or parts (as may be specified in such notice) and after expiry of 48 hours' notice, a final termination notice (Proforma at Annexure-XI or XIII, as the case may be) should be issued.

Note: Engineer at his discretion may resort to the part termination of contract with notices (Proforma at Annexure- IX, XII and XIII), only in cases where progress of work is more than or equal to 80% of the original scope of work.

62.(2) Right of Railway after Rescission of Contract owing to Default of Contractor: In the event of any or several of the courses, referred to in Sub-Clause(1) of this Clause, being adopted:

(a) The Contractor shall have no claim to compensation for any loss sustained by him by reason of his having purchased or procured any materials or entered into any commitments or made any advances on account of or with a view to the execution of the works or the performance of the contract and Contractor shall not be entitled to recover or be paid any sum for any work thereto for actually performed under the contract unless and until the Engineer shall have certified the performance of such work and the value payable in respect thereof and the Contractor shall only be entitled to be paid the value so certified.

(b) In the contract which has been rescinded as a whole, the Security Deposit already with railways under the contract shall be encashed/ forfeited and the Performance Guarantee already submitted for the contract shall be encashed. The balance work shall be got done independently without risk & cost of the failed Contractor. The failed Contractor shall be

debarred from participating in the tender for executing the balance work. If the failed Contractor is a JV or a Partnership firm, then every member/partner of such a firm shall be debarred from participating in the tender for the balance work in his/her individual capacity or as a partner of any other JV /partnership firm.

Further the authorized representative of failed Contractor cannot be accepted as authorized representative in new contract.

(c) In the contract rescinded in part or parts,

(i) The full Performance Guarantee for the contract shall be recovered. No additional Performance Guarantee shall be required for balance of work being executed through the part terminated contract. The contract value of part terminated contract stands reduced to the balance value of work under the contract.

(ii) The Security Deposit of part terminated contract shall be dealt as per clause 16(2) of GCC.

(iii) The defaulting Contractor shall not be issued any completion certificate for the contract.

(iv) The balance work shall be got done independently without risk & cost of the failed Contractor. The failed Contractor shall be debarred from participating in the tender for executing the balance work. If the failed Contractor is a JV or a Partnership firm, then every member/partner of such a firm shall be debarred from participating in the tender for the balance work in his/her individual capacity or as a partner of any other JV /partnership firm.

(v) Further the authorized representative of failed Contractor will not be accepted as authorized representative in new contract.

(d) The Engineer or the Engineer's Representative shall be entitled to take possession of any materials, tools, implements, machinery and buildings on the works or on the property on which these are being or ought to have been executed, and to retain and employ the same in the further execution of the works or any part thereof until the completion of the works without the Contractor being entitled to any compensation for the use and employment thereof or for wear and tear or destruction thereof.

(e) The Engineer shall as soon as may be practicable after removal of the Contractor fix and determine ex-parte or by or after reference to the parties or after such investigation or enquiries as he may consider fit to make or institute and shall certify what amount (if any) had at the time of rescission of the contract been reasonably earned by or would reasonably accrue to the Contractor in respect of the work then actually done by him under the contract and what was the value of any unused, or partially used materials, any constructional plant and any temporary works upon the site. The legitimate amount due to the Contractor after making necessary deductions and certified by the Engineer should be released expeditiously.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES – INDIAN RAILWAY ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION RULES

63. Reconciliation of disputes: All disputes and differences of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the contract, whether during the progress of the work or after its completion and whether before or after the determination of the contract, shall be referred by the Contractor to the "Chief Engineer" or "Divisional Railway Manager" through "Notice of Dispute" provided that no such notice shall be served later than 30 days after the date of issue of Completion Certificate by the Engineer. Chief Engineer or Divisional Railway Manager shall, within 30 days after receipt of the Contractor's "Notice of Dispute", notify the name of conciliator(s) to the Contractor.

The Conciliator(s) shall assist the parties to reach an amicable settlement in an independent and impartial manner within the terms of contract.

If the parties reach agreement on a settlement of the dispute, they shall draw up and sign a written settlement agreement duly signed by Engineer In-charge, Contractor and conciliator(s). When the parties sign the settlement agreement, it shall be final and binding on the parties.

The parties shall not initiate, during the conciliation proceedings, any arbitral or judicial proceedings in respect of a dispute that is the subject matter of the conciliation proceedings.

The conciliation proceedings shall be terminated:

By the signing of the settlement agreement by the parties on the date of agreement; or

- By written declaration of the conciliator, after consultation with the parties, to the effect that further efforts at conciliation are no longer justified, on the date of declaration; or
- By a written declaration of any party to the conciliator to the effect that the conciliation proceedings are terminated, on the date of declaration;

63.1 Matters Finally Determined by the Railway: All disputes and differences of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the contract, whether during the progress of the work or after its completion and whether before or after the determination of the contract, shall be referred by the Contractor to the GM and the GM shall, within 120 days after receipt of the Contractor's representation, make and notify decisions on all matters referred to by the Contractor in writing provided that matters for which provision has been made in Clauses 8, 18, 22(5), 39, 43(2), 45(a), 55, 55-A(5), 57, 57A,61(1), 61(2) and 62(1) of Standard General Conditions of Contract or in any Clause of the Special Conditions of the Contract shall be deemed as 'excepted matters' (matters not arbitrable) and decisions of the Railway authority, thereon shall be final and binding on the Contractor; provided further that 'excepted matters' shall stand specifically excluded from the purview of the Arbitration Clause.

64.(1) : Demand for Arbitration:

64.(1)(i): In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto as to the construction or operation of this contract, or the respective rights and liabilities of the parties

on any matter in question, dispute or difference on any account or as to the withholding by the Railway of any certificate to which the Contractor may claim to be entitled to, or if the Railway fails to make a decision within 120 days, then and in any such case, but except in any of the "excepted matters" referred to in Clause 63.1 of these Conditions, the Contractor, after 120 days but within 180 days of his presenting his final claim on disputed matters shall demand in writing that the dispute or difference be referred to arbitration.

64.(1)(ii)(a): The demand for arbitration shall specify the matters which are in question, or subject of the dispute or difference as also the amount of claim item-wise. Only such dispute or difference, in respect of which the demand has been made, together with counter claims or set off, given by the Railway**,** shall be referred to arbitration and other matters shall not be included in the reference.

64.(1)(ii)(b): The parties may waive off the applicability of Sub-Section 12(5) of Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act 2015, if they agree for such waiver in writing, after dispute having arisen between them, in the format given under Annexure XV of these conditions.

64.(1)(iii)(a): The Arbitration proceedings shall be assumed to have commenced from the day, a written and valid demand for arbitration is received by the Railway.

64.(1)(iii)(b): The claimant shall submit his claims stating the facts supporting the claims alongwith all the relevant documents and the relief or remedy sought against each claim within a period of 30 days from the date of appointment of the Arbitral Tribunal.

64.(1)(iii)(c): The Railway shall submit its defence statement and counter claim(s), if any, within a period of 60 days of receipt of copy of claims from Tribunal, unless otherwise extension has been granted by Tribunal.

64.(1)(iii)(d): Place of Arbitration: The place of arbitration would be within the geographical limits of the Division of the Railway where the cause of action arose or the Headquarters of the concerned Railway or any other place with the written consent of both the parties.

64.(1)(iv): No new claim shall be added during proceedings by either party. However, a party may amend or supplement the original claim or defense thereof during the course of arbitration proceedings subject to acceptance by Tribunal having due regard to the delay in making it.

64.(1)(v): If the Contractor(s) does/do not prefer his/their specific and final claims in writing, within a period of 90 days of receiving the intimation from the Railways that the final bill is ready for payment, he/they will be deemed to have waived his/their claim(s) and the Railway shall be discharged and released of all liabilities under the contract in respect of these claims.

64.(2): Obligation During Pendency of Arbitration: Work under the contract shall, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer, continue during the arbitration proceedings, and no payment due or payable by the Railway shall be withheld on account of such proceedings,

provided, however, it shall be open for Arbitral Tribunal to consider and decide whether or not such work should continue during arbitration proceedings.

64.(3) : Appointment of Arbitrator:

64.(3)(a) : Appointment of Arbitrator where applicability of section 12 (5) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act has been waived off:

64.(3)(a)(i): In cases where the total value of all claims in question added together does not exceed ₹ 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore), the Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of a Sole Arbitrator who shall be a Gazetted Officer of Railway not below Junior Administrative Grade, nominated by the General Manager. The sole arbitrator shall be appointed within 60 days from the day when a written and valid demand for arbitration is received by General Manager.

64.(3)(a)(ii): In cases not covered by the Clause 64(3)(a)(i), the Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of a panel of three Gazetted Railway Officers not below Junior Administrative Grade or 2 Railway Gazetted Officers not below Junior Administrative Grade and a retired Railway Officer, retired not below the rank of Senior Administrative Grade Officer**,** as the arbitrators. For this purpose, the Railway will send a panel of at least four (4) names of Gazetted Railway Officers of one or more departments of the Railway which may also include the name(s) of retired Railway Officer(s) empanelled to work as Railway Arbitrator to the Contractor within 60 days from the day when a written and valid demand for arbitration is received by the General Manager.

Contractor will be asked to suggest to General Manager at least 2 names out of the panel for appointment as Contractor's nominee within 30 days from the date of dispatch of the request by Railway. The General Manager shall appoint at least one out of them as the Contractor's nominee and will, also simultaneously appoint the balance number of arbitrators either from the panel or from outside the panel, duly indicating the 'presiding arbitrator' from amongst the 3 arbitrators so appointed. General Manager shall complete this exercise of appointing the Arbitral Tribunal within 30 days from the receipt of the names of Contractor's nominees. While nominating the arbitrators, it will be necessary to ensure that one of them is from the Accounts Department. An officer of Selection Grade of the Accounts Department shall be considered of equal status to the officers in Senior Administrative Grade of other departments of the Railway for the purpose of appointment of arbitrator.

64.3.(a).iii: The serving railway officer working in arbitral tribunal in the ongoing arbitration cases as per clause 64.(3)(a)(i) and clause 64.(3)(a)(ii) above, can continue as arbitrator in the tribunal even after his retirement.

64.(3)(b): Appointment of Arbitrator where applicability of Section 12 (5) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act has not been waived off:

(i) In cases where the total value of all claims in question added together does not exceed ₹ 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh), the Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of a Retired Railway

Officer, retired not below the rank of Senior Administrative Grade Officer, as the arbitrator. For this purpose, the Railway will send a panel of at least four (4) names of retired Railway Officer(s) empanelled to work as Railway Arbitrator duly indicating their retirement dates to the Contractor within 60 days from the day when a written and valid demand for arbitration is received by the General Manager.

Contractor will be asked to suggest to General Manager at least 2 names out of the panel for appointment as arbitrator within 30 days from the date of dispatch of the request by Railway. The General Manager shall appoint at least one out of them as the arbitrator.

(ii) In cases where the total value of all claims in question added together exceed ₹ 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh), the Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of a Panel of three (3) retired Railway Officer, retired not below the rank of Senior Administrative Grade Officer**,** as the arbitrators. For this purpose, the Railway will send a panel of at least four (4) names of retired Railway Officer(s) empanelled to work as Railway Arbitrator duly indicating their retirement date to the Contractor within 60 days from the day when a written and valid demand for arbitration is received by the General Manager.

Contractor will be asked to suggest to General Manager at least 2 names out of the panel for appointment as Contractor's nominee within 30 days from the date of dispatch of the request by Railway. The General Manager shall appoint at least one out of them as the Contractor's nominee and will, also simultaneously appoint the balance number of arbitrators either from the panel or from outside the panel, duly indicating the 'Presiding Arbitrator' from amongst the 3 arbitrators so appointed. General Manager shall complete this exercise of appointing the Arbitral Tribunal within 30 days from the receipt of the names of Contractor's nominees. While nominating the arbitrators, it will be necessary to ensure that one of them has served in the Accounts Department.

64.(3)(c)(i): If one or more of the arbitrators appointed as above refuses to act as arbitrator, withdraws from his office as arbitrator, or vacates his/their office/offices or is/are unable or unwilling to perform his functions as arbitrator for any reason whatsoever or dies or in the opinion of the General Manager fails to act without undue delay, the General Manager shall appoint new arbitrator/arbitrators to act in his/their place in the same manner in which the earlier arbitrator/arbitrators had been appointed. Such re-constituted Tribunal may, at its discretion, proceed with the reference from the stage at which it was left by the previous arbitrator (s).

64.(3) (c) (ii): (a) The Arbitral Tribunal shall have power to call for such evidence by way of affidavits or otherwise as the Arbitral Tribunal shall think proper, and it shall be the duty of the parties hereto to do or cause to be done all such things as may be necessary to enable the Arbitral Tribunal to make the award without any delay. The proceedings shall normally be conducted on the basis of documents and written statements.

(b) Before proceeding into the merits of any dispute, the Arbitral Tribunal shall first decide and pass its orders over any plea submitted/objections raised by any party, if any, regarding appointment of Arbitral Tribunal, validity of arbitration agreement, jurisdiction and scope of the Tribunal to deal with the dispute (s) submitted to arbitration, applicability of time 'limitation' to any dispute, any violation of agreed procedure regarding conduct of the arbitral proceedings or plea for interim measures of protection and record its orders in day to day proceedings. A copy of the proceedings duly signed by all the members of tribunal should be provided to both the parties.

64.3(c)(iii): (i) Qualification of Arbitrator (s):

(a) Serving Gazetted Railway Officers of not below JA Grade level.

(b) Retired Railway Officers not below SA Grade level, one year after his date of retirement.

(c) Age of arbitrator at the time of appointment shall be below 70 years.

(ii) An arbitrator may be appointed notwithstanding the total number of arbitration cases in which he has been appointed in the past.

(iii) While appointing arbitrator(s) under Sub-Clause 64.(3)(a)(i), 64.(3)(a)(ii), 64.(3)(b)(i) & 64.(3)(b)(ii) above, due care shall be taken that he/they is/are not the one/those who had an opportunity to deal with the matters to which the contract relates or who in the course of his/their duties as Railway servant(s) expressed views on all or any of the matters under dispute or differences. A certification to this effect as per annexure- XVI shall be taken from Arbitrators also. The proceedings of the Arbitral tribunal or the award made by such Tribunal will, however, not be invalid merely for the reason that one or more arbitrator had, in the course of his service, opportunity to deal with the matters to which the contract relates or who in the course of his/their duties expressed views on all or any of the matters under dispute.

64.(3)(d)(i): The arbitral award shall state item wise, the sum and reasons upon which it is based. The analysis and reasons shall be detailed enough so that the award could be inferred therefrom.

64.(3)(d)(ii): A party may apply for corrections of any computational errors, any typographical or clerical errors or any other error of similar nature occurring in the award of a Tribunal and interpretation of a specific point of award to Tribunal within 60 days of receipt of the award.

64.(3)(d)(iii): A party may apply to Tribunal within 60 days of receipt of award to make an additional award as to claims presented in the arbitral proceedings but omitted from the arbitral award.

64.(4): In case of the Tribunal, comprising of three members, any ruling on award shall be made by a majority of members of Tribunal. In the absence of such a majority, the views of the Presiding Arbitrator shall prevail.

64.(5): Where the arbitral award is for the payment of money, no interest shall be payable on whole or any part of the money for any period till the date on which the award is made.

64. (6): The cost of arbitration shall be borne by the respective parties. The cost shall inter-alia include fee of the arbitrator(s), as per the rates fixed by Railway Board from time to time and the fee shall be borne equally by both the parties, provided parties sign an agreement in the format given at Annexure XV to these condition after/ while referring these disputes to Arbitration. Further, the fee payable to the arbitrator(s) would be governed by the instructions issued on the subject by Railway Board from time to time irrespective of the fact whether the arbitrator(s) is/are appointed by the Railway Administration or by the court of law unless specifically directed by Hon'ble court otherwise on the matter.

64.(7) Subject to the provisions of the aforesaid Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and the rules thereunder and relevant para of General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and any statutory modifications thereof shall apply to the appointment of arbitrators and arbitration proceedings under this Clause.

PART-II ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE – VII

Reference Para 17(B)

Registered Acknowledgement Due

PROFORMA FOR TIME EXTENSION

No. _____ Dated: _____

Sub: (i) _____*(name of work)*.

(ii) Acceptance letter no. _____

(iii) Understanding/Agreement no. _____

Ref: _____ *(Quote specific application of Contractor for extension to the date received)*

_____

Dear Sir,

1. The stipulated date for completion of the work mentioned above is _____. From the progress made so far and the present rate of progress, it is unlikely that the work will be completed by the above date (or 'However, the work was not completed on this date').

2. Expecting that you may be able to complete the work if some more time is given, the competent authority, although not bound to do so, hereby extends the time for completion from _____ to _____.

3. Please note that an amount equal to the liquidated damages for delay in the completion of the work after the expiry of _____ *(give here the stipulated date for completion with/without any penalty fixed earlier)* will be recovered from you as mentioned in Clause 17-B of the Standard General Conditions of Contract for the extended period, notwithstanding the grant of this extension. You may proceed with the work accordingly.

4. The above extension of the completion date will also be subject to the further condition that no increase in rates on any account will be payable to you.

5. Please intimate within a week of the receipt of this letter your acceptance of the extension of the conditions stated above.

6. Please note that in the event of your declining to accept the extension on the above said conditions or in the event of your failure after accepting or acting upto this extension to complete the work by _____ (*here mention the extended date*), further action will be taken in terms of Clause 62 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the President of India

ANNEXURE – VIII

Reference Para 60.(2)

CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS

1. (a) Serial Number_____
   (b) Date _____
2. Name of person examined _____
3. Father's Name: son/daughter of _____
   Residing at _____
4. Sex _____
5. Residence:

   _____
6. Physical fitness
7. Identification marks _____
8. Date of birth, if available, and/or certified age _____
   I certify that I have personally examined (name) _____who is desirous of being employed in a factory or on a work requiring manual labour and that his/her age as nearly as can be ascertained from my examination, is _____ years.

   I certify that he/she is fit for employment in a factory or on a work requiring manual labour as an adult/child.

9. Reasons for :
   (a) Refusal to grant certificate, or _____
   (b) Revoking the certificate _____

Signature or left hand

Thumb impression of the person examined.

Signature of Certifying Surgeon

Note: In case of physical disability, the exact details and cause of the physical disability should be clearly stated.

ANNEXURE – IX

(Reference Clause 62.(1)

Registered Acknowledgement Due

PROFORMA OF 7 DAYS NOTICE FOR WORKS AS A WHOLE/ IN PARTS

(DETAILS OF PART OF WORK TO BE MENTIONED)

_____ RAILWAY

(Without Prejudice)

To

M/s _____

_____

Dear Sir,

Contract Agreement No. _____

In connection with _____

In spite of repeated instructions to you by the subordinate offices as well as by this office through various letters of even no. _____, dated _____; you have failed to start work/show adequate progress and/or submit detailed programme for completing the work/ part of work (details of part of work to be mentioned).

2. Your attention is invited to this office/Chief Engineer's office letter no. _____ _____, dated _____ in reference to your representation, dated _____.

3. As you have failed to abide by the instructions issued to commence the work /to show adequate progress of work you are hereby given 7 days' notice in accordance with Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract to commence works / to make good the progress, failing which further action as provided in Clause 62 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract viz. to terminate your Contract and complete the balance work without your participation will be taken.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the President of India

ANNEXURE – X

Reference Para 62(1)

Registered Acknowledgement Due

PROFORMA OF 48 HRS. NOTICE FOR WHOLE WORK

_____ RAILWAY

(Without Prejudice)

To

M/s _____

_____

Dear Sir,

Contract Agreement No. _____

In connection with _____

Seven days' notice under Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract was given to you under this office letter of even no., dated _____; but you have taken no action to commence the work/show adequate progress of the work.

2. You are hereby given 48 hours' notice in terms of Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract to commence works / to make good the progress of works, failing which and on expiry of this period your above contract will be rescinded and the work under this contract will be carried out independently without your participation and your Security Deposit shall be forfeited and Performance Guarantee shall also be encashed and any other consequences which may please be noted.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the President of India

ANNEXURE – XI

Reference Para 62.(1)

Registered Acknowledgement Due

PROFORMA OF TERMINATION NOTICE

_____ RAILWAY

(Without Prejudice)

No. _____ Dated _____

To

M/s _____

_____

Dear Sir,

Contract Agreement No. _____

In connection with _____

Forty eight hours (48 hrs.) notice was given to you under this office letter of even no., dated _____; but you have taken no action to commence the work/show adequate progress of the work.

Since the period of 48 hours' notice has already expired, the above contract stands rescinded in terms of Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract and the balance work under this contract will be carried out independently without your participation. Your participation as well as participation of every member/partner in any manner as an individual or a partnership firm/JV is hereby debarred from participation in the tender for executing the balance work and your Security Deposit shall be forfeited and Performance Guarantee shall also be encashed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the President of India

ANNEXURE – XII

Reference Para 62.(1)

Registered Acknowledgement Due

PROFORMA OF 48 HRS. NOTICE FOR PART OF THE WORK…….

(DETAILS OF PART OF WORK TO BE MENTIONED)

_____ RAILWAY

(Without Prejudice)

To

M/s _____

_____

Dear Sir,

Contract Agreement No. _____

In connection with _____

1. Seven days' notice under Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract was given to you under this office letter of even no., dated _____; but you have taken no action to commence the work/show adequate progress of the part of work……..(details of part to be mentioned).

2. You are hereby given 48 hours' notice in terms of Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract to commence works / to make good the progress of works, failing which and on expiry of this period your above part of work…… (Details of part to be mentioned) in contract will be rescinded and the work will be carried out independently without your participation.

3. Your full Performance Guarantee for the contract shall be forfeited and you shall not be issued any completion certificate for the contract. However, no additional Performance Guarantee shall be required for balance of work being executed through the part terminated contract.

4. The contract value of part terminated contract shall stands reduced to ……..

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the President of India

ANNEXURE – XIII

Reference Para 62.(1)

Registered Acknowledgement Due

PROFORMA OF TERMINATION NOTICE FOR PART OF THE WORK…….
(DETAILS OF PART OF WORK TO BE MENTIONED)

_____ RAILWAY

(Without Prejudice)

No. _____ Dated _____

To

M/s _____

_____

Dear Sir,

Contract Agreement No. _____

In connection with _____

1. Forty eight hours (48 hrs.) notice was given to you under this office letter of even no., dated _____; but you have taken no action to commence the work/show adequate progress of the part of work……..(details of part to be mentioned).

2. Your above part of work in contract ……..(details of part to be mentioned) stands rescinded in terms of Clause 62 of Standard General Conditions of Contract and the same will be carried out independently without your participation. Your participation as well as participation of every member/partner in any manner as an individual or a partnership firm/JV is hereby debarred from participation in the tender for executing the balance work

3. Your full Performance Guarantee for the contract shall be forfeited and you shall not be issued any completion certificate for the contract. However, no additional Performance Guarantee shall be required for balance of work being executed through the part terminated contract.

4. The contract value of part terminated contract stands reduced to ……..

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the President of India

ANNEXURE – XIV

Reference Para 48.(3)

FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT

Articles of agreement made this day _____ in the year _____ between the President of India, acting through the _____ Railway Administration having his office at _____ herein after called the Railway of the one part and _____ of the second part.

Whereas the party hereto of the second part executed an agreement with the party hereto of the first part being agreement Number _____dated ____for the performance _____herein after called the 'Principal Agreement'.

And whereas it was agreed by and between the parties hereto that the works would be completed by the party hereto of the second part on _____date last extended' and whereas the party hereto of the second part has executed the work to the entire satisfaction of the party hereto of the first part.

And whereas the party hereto of the first part already made payment to the party hereto of the second part diverse sums from time to time aggregating to ₹ _____ including the final bill bearing voucher No._____ dated_____of value _____ (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the party hereto of the second part in full and final settlement of all his /its claims under the principal agreement.

And whereas the party hereto of the second part have received further sum of ₹ _____ through the final bill bearing voucher No._____ dated _____ (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the party thereto of the second part) from the party hereto of the first part in full and final settlement of all his/its disputed claims under principal agreement.

Now, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties in the consideration of sums already paid by the party hereto of the first part to the party hereto of the second part against all outstanding dues and claims for all works done under the aforesaid principal agreement including /excluding the security deposit, the party hereto of the second part have no further dues of claims against the party hereto of the first part under the said Principal Agreement. It is further agreed by and between the parties that the party hereto of the second part has accepted the said sums mentioned above in full and final satisfaction of all its dues and claims under the said Principal Agreement.

It is further agreed and understood by and between the parties that the arbitration clause contained in the said principal agreement shall cease to have any effect and/or shall be deemed to be non-existent for all purposes.

Signature of the Contractor/s for and on behalf of the President of India

Witnesses

_____

ADDRESS:_____

ANNEXURE-XV

Reference Para 64.3 & 64.6

Agreement towards Waiver under Section 12(5) and Section 31A (5) of Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act

I/we..... (Name of agency/Contractor) with reference to agreement no..... raise disputes as to the construction and operation of this contract, or the respective rights and liabilities, withholding of certificate and demand arbitration in respect of following claims :

Brief of claim:

(i) Claim 1- Detailed at Annexure-
(ii) Claim 2 –
(iii) Claim 3 –

I/we..... (post of Engineer) with reference to agreement no..... hereby raise disputes as to the construction and operation of this contract, or the respective rights and liabilities, withholding of certificate and demand arbitration in respect of following claims:

I/we.....do/do not agree to waive off applicability of section 12(5) of Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act.

Signature of Claimant_____ Signature of Respondent _____

Agreement under Section 31(5)

I/we..... (Name of claimant) with reference to agreement no..... hereby waive off the applicability of sub section 31-A (2) to 31-A (4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment Act. We further agree that the cost of arbitration will be shared by the parties as per Clause 64(6) of GCC.

Signature of Claimant_____ Signature of Respondent_____

*Strike out whichever not applicable.

ANNEXURE-XVI

Reference Para 64.(3)

Certification by Arbitrators appointed under Clause 63 & 64 of Indian Railways General Conditions of Contract

1. Name:

2. Contact Details:

3. Prior experience (Including Experience with Arbitrations):

4. **I do not have more than ten on-going Arbitration cases with me**.

5. I hereby certify that I have retired from Railways w.e.f. _____ and empanelled as Railway Arbitrator as per 'The Arbitration and Conciliation Act- 1996'.

6. I have no any past or present relationship in relation to the subject matter in dispute, whether financial, business, professional or other kind.

   Or

   I have past or present relationship in relation to the subject matter in dispute, whether financial, business, professional or other kind. The list of such interests is as under:

7. I have no any past or present relationship with or interest in any of the parties whether financial, business, professional or other kind, which is likely to give rise to justifiable doubts as to my independence or impartiality in terms of The Arbitration and Conciliation Act-1996.

   Or

   I have past or present relationship with or interest in any of the parties whether financial, business, professional or other kind, which is likely to give rise to justifiable doubts as to my independence or impartiality in terms of The Arbitration and Conciliation Act-1996. The details of such relationship or interests are as under:

8. There are no concurrent Circumstances which are likely to affect my ability to devote sufficient time to the arbitration and in particular to finish the entire arbitration within twelve months.

   Or

There are Circumstances which are likely to affect my ability to devote sufficient time to the arbitration and in particular to finish the entire arbitration within twelve months. The list of such circumstances is as under: