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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(S&R (P&B) Section)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110001

Dated : 10.07.2025

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs.
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes).
3. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
4. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001.
5. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi- 110 010.
6. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Departments (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes).
7. The Secretary General, Indian Roads Congress, New Delhi
8. The Director, IAHE, NOIDA, UP
9. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the Ministry.

Subject: Timeline for approval of Structural Drawings, TAD/launching scheme and QAP & WPSS for ROB/RUB works related to NHAI/MORTH projects.

Sir(s),

Ministry of Railways vide letter dated 25.06.2025(copy enclosed), has issued instructions regarding timelines for approval of Structural Drawings, TAD/launching scheme and QAP & WPSS for ROB/RUB works related to NHAI/MORTH projects.

The relevant extracts of instructions are reproduced as under:

"Timelines for the approval of Structural Drawings TAD/launching scheme and QAP & WPSS for ROB/RUB works related to NHAI/MORTH projects is attached as Annexure-I".,

Zonal railways are advised to adhere the above timeline".

As per aforesaid timeline, *"subsequent observations, if any, will be given within seven days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(Railway) and reply of observations will also be submitted within 07 days duly approved by officer of Executive Agencies of MoRTH at a progressively higher level."*

2. The above instructions regarding timeline may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

M. K. K.

(Jitendra Kumar)
SE, S&R(Bridges)

For Director General (RD) & SS

Encls: As Above

Copy to:

1. All the Technical Officers in the Ministry of Road Transport &Highways
2. All the Joint Secretaries in the Ministry of Road Transport &Highways
3. Technical circular file of S&R (P&B) Section
4. NIC-for uploading on Ministry's website under "What's new"

Copy for kind information to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister (RT&H)
2. PS to Hon'ble MOS (RT&H)
3. The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
4. PSO to Secretary (RT&H)
5. Sr. PPS to DG (RD) & SS
6. Sr. PPS/PPS to Addl. Secretary (Transport)/Addl. Secretary (H & LA)
7. Sr. PPS/ PPS to AS&FA
8. Sr. PPS/ PPS to all ADGs
9. Sr. PPS/ PPS to JS (EAP) / JS (Logistics)
10. Director/CE(B&S)-II, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001-with respect to Ministry of Railway's letter No. 2015/CE-IV/ROB/78(Pt.)-I dated 25.06.2025

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2015/CE-IV/ROB/78 (Pt.)-I

New Delhi, dt. 25.06.2025

**Principal Chief Engineers,
All Zonal Railways.**

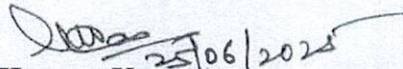
Sub: Timeline for approval of Structural Drawings, TAD/launching scheme and QAP & WPSS for ROB/RUB works related to NHAI/MoRT&H projects.

Ref: Minutes of Meeting held under Chairmanship of Secretary (MoRT&H) on 29.01.2025 & 04.06.2025.

A meeting was held with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) on 04.06.2025, during which the issue of delays in the approval of drawings/QAP & WPSS was discussed.

In view of the above, timeline for the approval of Structural Drawings, TAD/launching scheme and QAP & WPSS for ROB/RUB works related to NHAI/MoRT&H projects is attached as Annexure-I. Zonal Railways are advised to adhere the above timeline.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.


(Hemant Kumar)
Director/CE(B&S)-II
Railway Board

Copy to:

- (i) Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Transport bhawan 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for information please.
- (ii) Chairman, National Highway Authority of India, MoRT&H, Government of India, G-5&6, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi-75 for kind information and necessary action please.

TIMELINE FOR THE APPROVAL STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS NHAI/MoRT&H

S.No.	Item/Activity	Time Period	Co-ordinating official
(A) Approval of Test Pile Drawing & Pile Group			
1.	Submission of Test Pile and Pile Group drawing after geo technical investigation in the presence of Railway officials in the office of Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.)	D days	RO/PD MoRT&H/NHAI
2.	Checking of Feasibility at site	D + 3 days	RO/PD MoRT&H/NHAI and Sr.DEN/Dy.CE(Cons.)
3.	Submission of Test Pile and Pile Group drawing by Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.) for approval in Head Quarter office	D + 4 days	Sr.DEN/Dy.CE
4.	Approval/ return with observation* by Head Quarter office	D + 11 days	Const/Open line Design office
5.	Reply of observation*, if any	D + 18 days	RO/PD MoRT&H/NHAI
6.	Approval by Railway Head Quarter office**	Approval will be conveyed within 11 days if submitted drawing is complete and in correct form OR approval in 7 days after submission of compliance of Railway observations	CBE/CE (Cons.)

*Subsequent observation if any will be given within 7 days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(Railway) & reply of observation/s will also be submitted within 7 days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(MoRTH/NHAI)

** (i) In case of any variance between the results of the initial or routine pile load tests and the pile capacity assumed during the design of the pile group, the design of the pile group shall be revised accordingly.

(ii) The drawing of the test pile and pile group will be approved within **7 days** after receiving the required clarifications /revision/ complete submission from MoRT&H/NHAI.

(B) Approval of Drawings of Pile Cap and Pier

(C) Approval of Drawings of Pier Cap, bearing pedestal and seismic arrestor

(D) Approval of Drawings of Non-Standard Super Structure

Note: (i) The drawings of Pile Cap, Pier Cap, bearing pedestal and seismic arrestor will be checked after the approval of drawings of Pile Group.

(ii) In case these drawings submitted simultaneously, the approvals shall also be processed in parallel.

1.	Submission of Drawings alongwith Test Pile and routine test pile Report in the office of Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.)	D days	RO/PD MoRTH/NHAI
2.	Submission of drawing by Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.) for approval in Head Quarter office	D + 2 day	Sr.DEN/Dy.CE(Cons.)
3.	Approval/observation* by Head Quarter office	D + 30 days	Const/Open line Design office
4.	Reply of observation*, if any	D + 37 days	RO/PD MoRT&H/NHAI
5.	Approval** by Railway Head Quarter office	Final approval will be conveyed within 30 days if submitted drawing is complete and in correct form OR approval in 30 days after submission to compliance of Railway observation	CBE/CE (Cons.)

*Subsequent observation if any will be given within 7 days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(Railway) & reply of observation/s will also be submitted within 7 days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(MoRTH/NHAI)

The drawings will be approved within **30 days after receiving the required clarifications / complete submission from MoRT&H/NHAI.

TIMELINE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TAD/LAUNCHING SCHEME

Approval of Drawings of TAD/Launching Scheme			
1.	Submission of Drawings of TAD/Launching Scheme in the office of Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.)	D day	RO/PD MoRTH/NHAI
2.	Checking of Feasibility at site with Divisional Officer	D + 7 days	RO/PD MoRTH/NHAI & Divisional Officer
2.	Submission of drawing by Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.) for approval in Head Quarter office	D+ 14 days	Sr.DEN/Dy.CE(Cons.)
3.	Approval/observation* by Head Quarter office	D+ 30 days	Const/Open line Design office
4.	Reply of observation*, if any	D+ 37 days	RO/PD MoRTH&H/NHAI
5.	Approval** by Railway Head Quarter office	Approval will be conveyed within 30 days if submitted drawing is complete and in correct form OR approval in 30 days after submission to compliance of Railway observation	CBE

*Subsequent observation if any will be given within seven days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(Railway) & reply of observation/s will also be submitted within 07 days duly approved by officer at a progressively higher level(MoRTH/NHAI)

The drawing of the TAD/Launching Scheme will be approved within **30 days after receiving the required clarifications / complete submission from MoRTH&H/NHAI.

**APPROVAL OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN (QAP) AND WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION SHEET
(WPSS) FOR BOWSTRING GIRDER AND NON-STANDARD COMPOSITE GIRDER**

Approval of QAP and WPSS			
1.	Submission of QAP and WPSS in the office of Divisional Engineer/Dy.CE (Cons.)	D day	RO/PD MoRTH/NHAI
2.	Checking of QAP and WPSS in the office of Divisional Officer/Dy.CE (Cons.) and further submission to Head Quarter office	D + 5 days	Divisional Office/ Dy.CE(Cons.) Office
3.	*Checking/observation of QAP and WPSS by Head Quarter office and further submission to RDSO	D+ 10 days	CBE Office
4.	Reply of observation*, if any	D+ 17 days	RO/PD MoRTH/NHAI
5.	Submission of QAP and WPSS by Head Quarter office and further submission to RDSO	D + 20 days	CBE Office
6.	Approval/observation* of QAP and WPSS by RDSO	D+ 30 days	RDSO
7.	Approval** of QAP and WPSS by RDSO	Approval will be conveyed within 30 days if submitted QAP & WPSS is complete and in correct form OR approval in 30 days after submission to compliance of RDSO observation	RDSO

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The drawing of the QAP and WPSS will be approved within **30 days after receiving the required clarifications / complete submission from MoRTH&H/NHAI.