

ABSTRACT

Highways Department – Projects wing – Southern Railway works – Railway Works Programme 2015-2016 - Vellore Division - Construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of existing **Level Crossing No. 55** at Railway Km 67/100-200 in between Thandarai and Thiruvannamalai Railway stations and at Km 103/8 of Pondy – Krishnagiri Road – Administrative Sanction – Accorded – Orders – Issued

Highways and Minor Ports (HQ2) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.63

Dated: 25.04.2018

விளம்பி, சித்திரை 12, திருவள்ளுவராண்டு 2049

Read:

- 1. G.O. (2D) No. 24, Highways & Minor Ports (HQ2) Department, dated 29.10.2013
- 2. From the Chief Engineer (Projects), Highways Department Letter No.587/W2/2014, dated 10.11.2017

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, among others Government accorded Administrative sanction for performing Preliminary works such as Site Investigation, Land Acquisition and shifting of service utilities for the work of "Construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of existing Level Crossing No.55 at Railway Km 67/100-200 in between Thandarai and Thiruvannamalai Railway stations and at Km 103/8 of Pondy – Krishnagiri Road" for Rs.329.92 Lakhs to execute Road Over Bridge under Railway Works Programme on cost sharing basis with Railways under Railway Works Programme 2015-2016.

2. In his letter second read above, the Chief Engineer (Projects), Highways Department has stated that the proposed Road Over Bridge is located at Thiruvannamalai Town Km 103/8 of Pondy – Krishnagiri Road which is a State Highway. Since the existing road is a Four lane Road, the traffic intensity is high, Bus stand, Railway station and Thiruvannamalaiyar Temple are located near by the level crossing. The Tourists from all over the country would visit world famous Annamalaiyar Temple and sacred Tiruvannamalai Hill. During festival time i.e. Karthigai Deepam, Chitra Pournami and full moon days, Lakhs of devotees would take Girivalam and worship in the Temple. So Traffic will be extremely heavy. Hence Four lane Road Over Bridge is proposed as per the guidelines. But Rail traffic is less in the Villupuram – Katpadi section in which Level Crossing 55 is located. So that Train Vehicle Unit is 1,32,007 which is less than the eligible criteria of 3 Lakh Train Vehicle Unit for Four lane Road Over Bridge under cost sharing. Hence the Railway General Arrangement Drawing had been approved by the Chief Bridge Engineer, Southern Railways, Chennai with Two lane Road Over

Bridge under cost sharing and another two lane on Deposit terms by State Government.

- 3. The Chief Engineer (Projects), Highways Department has also stated that, based on the approved Alignment and approved Railway General Arrangement Drawing, relevant Design and Quantity Estimate for this work have been approved by Design wing. The cost Estimate for the main Road Over Brodge has been prepared including sub estimates as per the site conditions and necessary other provisions and the total cost of the above work is arrived as Rs.40.38 Crores. Work front and workspace are available for the entire Construction of Main Road Over Bridge and this work can be taken up for execution immediately on receipt of Administrative sanction. Land Acquisition is required for the part of Service Road and Drain works only for which Land Acquisition can be done during Construction of Road Over Bridge. For Land Acquisition, 15(2) is to be issued soon. In respect of Railway portion of Road Over Bridge, the work has been awarded to contractor and to be commenced shortly on closure of Level Crossing. Railway has to construct single span and hence Railway will complete their work very early i.e. within 6 months. Highway Portion of Road Over Bridge involves 17 spans and hence construction has to be taken up early.
- 4. The Chief Engineer (Projects), Highways Department has therefore requested the Government to accord the administrative sanction for Rs.40.38 Crores for the work of "Construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of existing Level Crossing No. 55 at Railway Km 67/100–200 in between Thandarai and Thiruvannamalai Railway stations and at Km 103/8 of Pondy Krishnagiri Road".
- 5. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Chief Engineer (Projects), Highways Department and accord Administrative Sanction for a sum of Rs.38.74 Crores (Rupees Thirty Eight crores and Seventy Four lakhs only) restricting the price escalation to one year only (5%) and Advertisement charges to Rs.10 lakhs for the work of "Construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of existing Level Crossing No.55 at Railway Km 67/100–200 in between Thandarai and Thiruvannamalai Railway stations and at Km 103/8 of Pondy Krishnagiri Road" from the existing budget provision.
- 6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited under the following head of Account:-

"5054- Capital Outlay on Roads and Bridges – 80- General- 800- Other Expenditure- State's Expenditure JJ- Construction of Over and Under Bridges in lieu of Existing Level Crossings- 16 Major Works".

(DPC:- 5054-80-800-JJ-1604)

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.16890/PW-1/2018, dated: 23.04.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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