

Works Programme

What is Works Programme? Why Works Programme is required in Railway?

Investment decisions related to the creation, acquisition (an asset or object bought or obtained) and replacement of assets in the Railway are processed either through the annual “Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme”. If it is related with works, then same to be said Works Programme.

Extension of Sheds for better maintenance, work, gauge doubling, introduction or extension of railway tracks or set up of new shed is required for fulfilling the day to day demands.

For fulfilling all the demands in a systematic way keeping in mind the funds, Work Programme is the best way for the same. According to priority or importance funds are sanctioned for the granted works.

The objects of Works Programme:

- To examine and select the most urgent and productive works required to be undertaken in the next financial year.
- To enable the Railway Board to examine the necessity and urgency of each work proposed by the Railway Administration.
- To enable the Railway Board to make provision in the Railway Budget accordingly for expenditure on works.
- To enable the Railway Administrations to keep the expenditure on works within the amount of allotment sanctioned for them.
- To facilitate preparation of budget estimates of works chargeable to Capital, DRF (Depreciation Reserve Fund), DF(Development Fund) and OLWR(Open Line Works Revenue).

Works Programme is submitted to Railway Board in September each year and expenditure to be incurred during the next year is programmed. Works Programme includes all the “ Works in Progress” and “New Works” proposed.

Each item above Rs. 50,000/- is itemized and as such the administration knows in advance, the works to be taken up for execution during the next year.

Normally no new work can be undertaken by the Administration unless the same is included in the Works Programme except the works to be taken up under urgency certificates and certain non Programmed Works.

Monitory ceiling for urgency and certain non Programmed Works is upto Rs.75 lacs per annum for works costing above Rs.50,000/- and upto Rs.5 lacs each under the sanction of GM.

As expenditure on Works involves lockup of capital the Programme is submitted to Board for re examination by the high level committee in the Board’s office.

Process of Works Programme: On the basis of the estimate of the Plan, funds required for the ensuing year (year following the current year), the RB (Railway Board) lays down the financial limits under various Plan Heads(PH).

Within that financial limits under various Plan Heads, the Railway Administrations are required to make out their programme for the following year duly vetted by the FA&CAO (Financial Adviser And Chief Accounts Officer) for submission to the RB by a specified date.

- **The various stages and preparation of the Final Works Programme are given below:**
 - Formulation (the action of creating or preparing something) of scheme as a part of advance planning.
 - Submission of major schemes for advance scrutiny and clearance by the RB for selection of projects to be taken up in following year.
 - Preparation of the preliminary Works Programme within the financial ceiling laid down by the RB and
 - Discussion with the RB and submission of the Final Works Programme.
- **Steps for Pink Book inclusion:**
 - Ceiling limit is considered by the RB during proposals.
 - Proposals by DRMs upto the month of June to July.
 - Scrutiny and short listing by PHOD.
 - Approval by approving authority i.e. by GM/PCE(Principal Civil Engineer).
 - Processing at Division and finance.
 - Processing at Head Quarter (HQ) level.
 - Forwarding to PHOD (Principal Head Of the Department), FA&CAO and GM.
 - Then forwarded to RB through EDCE/G (Executive Director of Civil Engineering)/ (General) by November.
 - AM (Additional Member Committee) for Rs.20 crores in December.
 - Works Programme meeting in January in RB office.
- **For Budget Directorate:**
 - Works Programme meeting in January in RB office is finalized in February.
 - It is announced in Budget Speech.

- Pink Book publication within 26th February to 28th February when sanctioned value is above 2 crores.
- LAW Book by April when sanctioned value is below 2 crores.
- Division Work by April to May.

• **Sanctioning of New Work:**

All works are sanctioned through Work Programme.

(A) **Traffic Facility Type Work:**

- **Board Level-** Sanctioned more than 1 crore.
- **Zonal Level-** Sanctioned from 15 lakhs to 1 crore.
- **Divisional Level-** Less than Rs.15 lakhs.

(B) **Passenger Amenity Work:**

- **Board Level-** More than 2 crore.
- **Zonal Level-** 1-2 crore.
- **Divisional Level-** Less than 1 crore.