

OFFICE NOTE

**Sub : Indian Railway Standard General Conditions of Contract, April 2022
(Advance Correction Slip No. 9)**

Ref : Railway Boards L.No.2022/CE-I/CT/GCC-2022/Policy/Pt.1 dt.09.01.2025.

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In connection with the above, the advance correction Slip No. 9 to Indian Railways Standard GCC, April 2022 is as under :

A. Para 16(4), Part II of GCC-2022 shall be read as under.

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 Bid security and other dues payable against that contract. In case a tenderer has not submitted Bid security 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 original contract value.
- (i) A deposit of Cash;
 - (ii) Irrevocable Bank Guarantee;
 - (iii) Insurance Surety Bond as per Annexure-XVII. (Page No.123-124)

Note:

1. The provision of Insurance Surety Bond shall be for all contracts having DOC within 36 months only.
2. In case DOC extends beyond 36 months, fresh Insurance Surety Bond or any other form of Performance Guarantee prescribed in GCC for the balance amount shall be submitted by agency, otherwise necessary action will be taken as per terms of Agreement.

- (iv) Government Securities including State Loan Bonds at 5% below the market value;
 - (v) Pay Orders and Demand Drafts tendered by any Scheduled Commercial Bank of India;
 - (vi) Guarantee Bonds executed or Deposits Receipts tendered by any Scheduled Commercial Bank of India;
 - (vii) Deposit in the Post Office Saving Bank;
 - (viii) Deposit in the National Savings Certificates;
 - (ix) Twelve years National Defence Certificates;
 - (x) Ten years Defence Deposits;
 - (xi) National Defence Bonds and
 - (xii) 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 is based on original contract value and shall not change due to subsequent variation(s) in the original contract value.
- (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 these conditions.

B. New Annexure – XVII, Para II of GCC-2022 shall be read as under:-

ANNEXURE-XVII
Reference Para 16.(4)

Insurance Surety Bond for Performance Security

Name of the issuer of surety bond:

President of India,
Acting through,
.....
Railway.

Date:.....

Surety Bond No:
Amount of Bond:

Issue Date:.....
Expiry Date:.....

WBEREAS, In consideration of the President of India acting through :
.....(*Designation & address of contract signing authority*),.....Railway,.....,
(hereinafter called "The Railway") having accepted the bid of MIS XXXXX hereinafter called the contractor, for the work of XXX" under invitation for bids No XXXX Dated XXXXX, Vide Letter of Acceptance No.....

AND

WHEREAS, the contractor is required to furnish Performance Security for the sum off. XXXX (Rupees XXXX Only), in the form of Surety Bond. being a condition precedent to the signing of the contract agreement.

WHEREAS, we,---- (*Name of insurance company*) hereinafter called the Surety, acting through [*Designation(s) of the authorised person of the Surety*], have, at the request of the **Mis. XXXX** contractor, agreed to give Bond for performance security/ additional performance security as hereinafter contained:

1. KNOW ALL MEN by these present that I/We, the undersigned [*Insert name(s) of authorized representatives of the Surety*], being fully authorized to sign and incur obligations for and on behalf of the Surety, confirm that the Surety, hereby, unconditionally and irrevocably Bond to pay the Railway the full amount in the sum of XXXX (Rupees XXXX Only) as above stated.
2. The Surety undertakes to immediately pay on presentation of demand by the Railway any amount up to and including aforementioned full amount without any demur, reservation or recourse. Any such demand made by the Railway on the Surety shall be final, conclusive and binding, absolute and unequivocal notwithstanding any disputes raised/pending before any Court, tribunal, arbitration or any authority or any threatened litigation by the Bidder or Bank.
3. On payment of any amount less than aforementioned full amount, as per demand of the Railway, the Bond shall remain valid for the balance amount i.e. the aforementioned full amount less the payment made to the Railway.
4. The Surety shall pay the amount as demanded immediately on presentation of the demand by Railway without any reference to the contractor and without the Railway being required to show grounds or give reasons for its demand or the amount demanded.
5. The Surety Bond shall be unconditional and irrevocable.
6. The Bond hereinbefore shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of the Surety or in the constitution of the Contractor.
7. The Surety agrees that no change, addition, modifications to the terms of the Contract Agreement or to any documents, which have been or may be made between the Railway and the Contractor, will in any way release us from the liability under this Bond; and the Surety, hereby, waives any requirement for notice of any such change, addition or modification to the Surety.

8. This Bond is valid and effective from the date of its issue, which is *[insert date of issue]*. The Bond and our obligations under it will expire on *XXXX (Expiry Date)*. All demands for payment under the Bond must be received by us on or before that date.
9. The Surety agrees that the Railways right to demand payment of aforementioned full amount in one instance or demand payments in parts totalling up to the aforementioned full amount in several instances will be valid until either the aforementioned full amount is paid to the Railway or the Bond is released by Railway before the Expiry date.
10. The Surety agrees that its obligation to pay any amount demanded by the Railway before the expiry of this Bond will continue until the amount demanded has been paid in full.
11. The expressions Surety and Railway hereinbefore used shall include their respective successors, administrators and assigns.
12. The Surety hereby undertakes not to revoke the Bond during its currency, except with the previous consent in writing of the Railway. This Bond is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Bonds, ICC Publication No. 758.
13. We, the Surety Insurer, further agree that the Authority shall be the sole judge to decide as to whether the Bidder is in default of due and faithful fulfilment and compliance with the terms and conditions contained in the Bidding Documents including, inter alia, the failure of the Bidder to keep its Bid open during the Bid validity period set forth in the said Documents, and the decision of the Authority that the Bidder is in default as aforesaid shall be final and binding on us, notwithstanding any differences between the Authority and the Bidder or any dispute pending before any Court, tribunal, arbitrator or any other authority.
14. The Bond shall be in addition to and without prejudice to any other security Bond (s) of the contractor in favour of the Railway available with the Railway. The Surety, under this Bond, shall be deemed as Principal Debtor of the Railway.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these presents,

- a. Our liability under this Surety Bond shall not exceed **XXXX (Rupees XXXXX Only)**.
- b. This Surety Bond shall be valid up to *XXXX (being the date of expiry)*;
- c. Unless the bank is served a written claim or demand on or before *XXXX [date of expiry]* all rights under this Bond shall be forfeited and the Surety shall be relieved and discharged from all liabilities under this Bond irrespective of whether or not the original Surety bond is returned to the Surety.

Dated _____ the day of 20 _____

15. The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified by sending mail to *[customer.care@sbigeneral.in]*.

Place.....

Bank's Seal and authorized signature(s)

[Name in Block letters]

[Designation with Code No.]

[PfAttorney] No.

Witness

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[Note: All italicized texts are for guidance on how to prepare this Insurance Surety Bond and shall be deleted from the final document.]

Necessary modifications as per ACS-9 of GCC 2022, has been carried out in Tender form to be uploaded in the documents. The same will be implemented from the next Notice No. i.e. CR-DRMWBB-2025-02

Put up for approval please.

[Signature]
Sr.DEN(Co)CSMT 23.1.24

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