

Southern Railway

O/o The Chief Administrative Officer
Construction Organization,
Chennai Egmore, Chennai – 8.

No. P. 562/I/1/CN/GAZ/Re-engagement

Dt.: As signed

EMPANELMENT NOTIFICATION NO.1/2026

Sub: Empanelment as Sector Experts for Peer Review of DPRs –
Calling for applications –Reg.

Ref: Railway Board's letter No. 2025/W-1/Genl./Peer Review of
DPR (E-3508081), dt. 13/01/2026

Applications are invited from Retired Railway officers of IRSE (in SAG or above) for empanelment as "Sector Experts for Peer Review of DPRs", who satisfy the eligibility conditions detailed below.

(A) Eligibility

(a)	Age	:	Not more than 75 years as on the date of this notification.
(b)	Qualification	:	
	(i) Academic	:	Minimum of B. Tech or B.E in Civil Engineering.
	(ii) Professional	:	An officer of IRSE retired from SAG or higher post.
(c)	Experience	:	At least 5 years in Project Execution/Planning in SAG, in the Railway Sector.
(d)	Other/General	:	Should not have any conflict of interest with the DPR consultant, Project proponent or associated contractors.

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(B) Conditions of Engagement:

- (i) The empanelment will be valid for 3 (three) years, extendable by one additional year, based on requirement and satisfactory performance.
- (ii) The engagement may be terminated by the CAO/CN/MS at anytime by issuing a 15 days' notice without assigning any reason there for.
- (iii) The engagement may be terminated with immediate effect without notice.
 - (a) If the sector expert is found to have concealed any material information or is involved in a conflict of interest, the engagement; and
 - (b) In case of misconduct or breach of confidentiality.
- (iv) The specific DPRs will be assigned by the CAO/CN/MS for peer review to an empanelled sector expert.
- (v) The sector expert will not be assigned more than four (04) DPRs at any given time, for review across all zonal railways.
- (vi) The work under consultant will be considered complete only when final report has been submitted and satisfactory acceptance of CAO/CN/MS.

(C) Honorarium & Logistics:

- (a) Honorarium will be paid at Rs. 1 lakh per day. For calculation, every 50 route km in plain and 30 route km in hilly areas will be taken as one day. The number of days so calculated shall be rounded off to the next full day for payment purposes.
- (b) TA/DA and other Travel expenses (such as conveyance for field visits) shall be admissible as per the entitlement of the retired officer.
- (c) Logistics support for review of DPR in HQ/field office including site visit arrangements shall be provided by the CN organization including access to project documents and coordination with consultants.
- (d) 80% of the honorarium shall be payable upon submission and approval of the draft report by CAO/CN/MS. Balance 20% will be paid after the acceptance of the final report.

(D) Procedure for applying

- (i) Applications to be submitted along with detailed CV/Bio-data along with the filled in form as per **Annexure-A** along with declaration in **Annexure A-1**. Applications incomplete in any form will be summarily rejected.
- (ii) The empanelment will be on the basis of approval by General Manager/Southern Railway on the recommendations of the Empanel Committee at HAG level.
- (iii) Application must be submitted within 15 days from the date of this notification.
- (iv) All applications should be made through 'on-line' only duly uploading all required documents in www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in>News&Updates>Construction organization
- (v) No physical/paper applications will be entertained.

(E) Other Terms & Conditions

- (a) Scope of work for Peer Review - enclosed as **Annexure-B**.
- (b) Review Procedure - enclosed as **Annexure-C**.
- (c) Confidentiality and conflict of Interest - enclosed as **Annexure-D**.

(F) Procedure for peer review of DPRs – enclosed as **Annexure-E**

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Sl. No	Activity	:	Tentative Schedule
1	Issue of notification in website	:	16-03-2026 – 09.00 hrs
2	Closing date for applying	:	31-03-2026 – 20.00 hrs
3	Scrutiny of applications & listing of eligible application	:	15 – 04 – 2026
4	Short-listing of eligible applicants by the committee	:	30 – 04 – 2026
5	Publishing of the panel	:	15-05-2026

This has the approval of CAO/CN/MS

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Senior Personnel Officer/CN/MS
For Chief Administrative Officer/CN/MS

Annexure-A

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organization
(annexure to Empanelment Notification No...../2026)
FORMAT FOR APPLICATION

Affix a recent
passport size
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Sl. No	Item	:	Particulars
1.	Name	:	
2.	Date of Birth & Age (as on the date of notification)	:	DOB: Age:
3.	Date of retirement	:	
4.	Designation at the time of retirement	:	
5.	Zonal Railway/CN unit where retired	:	
6.	Qualification	:	
	(a) Academic	:	
	(b) Professional experience (in descending order from the date of retirement)		
Sl. No	Name of the post held	Experience (no of years) in Project Execution/Plg in Rly Infrastructure	Details of the Project Execution/ Infrastructure planning project(s) including name of Contractor/Company executed the project

Sl. No	Item	:	Particulars
7.	E mail ID	:	
8.	Mobile Number	:	
9.	Address for communication	:	
10.	Whether presently engaged as a Consultant in any organization & details thereof	:	
11	Checklist for documents enclosed	:	
	(a) CV/Bio-data	:	Enclosed/ Not enclosed
	(b) Copy of Service Certificate	:	Enclosed/ Not enclosed
	(c) Declaration to abide by the terms & conditions (format enclosed)	:	Enclosed/Not enclosed

I declare that the above particulars are true to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that my candidature is liable to be cancelled, in case the above particulars are found to be false, at a later date.

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(signature)

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(Name)

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(Place & Date)

Annexure A-1**DECLARATION**

I, ..., s/o Shri,
aged years, retired as (designation
& Railway) & residing at,
.....,

do hereby declare that I have gone through the notification fully and declare
that I will abide by the terms and conditions stipulated in the notification in
all respects as per Annexures. I am fully aware of the specific conditions of
engagement and termination with specific reference to Annexure-D and I
declare to abide by the same.

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(signature)

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(Name)

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(Place & Date)

Annexure-B

Scope of work for peer review

- (i) The Sector Expert shall review the DPR in detail, including but not limited to
 - a. Technical feasibility
 - b. Cost estimates and design justifications
 - c. Alignment, survey data and proposed engineering structures
 - d. Environmental and safety considerations
 - e. Constructability and phasing of work
- (ii) Site visits may be required to validate alignment and feasibility
- (iii) The Sector Expert shall identify gaps or deficiencies and suggest improvements
- (iv) A comprehensive report with observations, findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the Zonal railway within a defined time frame, as may be prescribed

Annexure – C

Review procedure

- (i) DPRs submitted by consultants will be forwarded to the engaged Sector Experts by the Zonal Railway
- (ii) The Sector Expert shall acknowledge receipt and provide a timeline for submission of the peer review (in not more than 10 days in any case)
- (iii) A draft peer review report shall be shared with CAO/C (or) CE/C for initial comments followed by submission of the final report.
- (iv) In case of major observations, the consultant shall be asked to revise the DPR accordingly. Decision shall rest with the concerned CAO/C
- (v) There shall be no splitting of Peer Review for any single FLS based DPR package. All DPRs arising from one FLS sanction shall be reviewed by the same Sector Expert to ensure coherence and accountability.

Annexure-D

Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

- (a) Sector Experts shall treat all DPRs, reports, data and correspondence as strictly confidential
- (b) No information shall be shared with any third party without the prior approval of the Zonal Railway

Annexure-E**Procedure for Peer Review of DPRs**

- (a) The Sector Experts to check that all relevant project aspects (i.e. functional & technical requirements including value engineering, quality & safety aspects etc.) are incorporated in the DPR proposed by the consultants.
- (b) Various aspects including proposed alignment, land schedules, design, sources of materials, project costs shall be verified by the Sector Expert.
- (c) The Sector Expert shall ensure their availability during the first presentation by the DPR consultant to GM/Railway Board through VC.
- (d) To review the utilities relocation plans for its adequacy in consultation with the authorities concerned & verify the methodology for implementation.
- (e) The peers to authenticate that all design parameters adopted by the consultants such as traffic data, topographical data, geotechnical data, geometric data etc., are in order and suitable for the project concerned.
- (f) The requirement of safety, the necessity for felling of trees, the local consultations had by DPR consultants (with a view to identifying the needs/expectations of the people regarding underpasses/re-alignment, etc., keeping in view the Codal requirements) etc., may also be reviewed.
- (g) Hydraulic design parameters should be based on correct data and field survey. Sub-soil investigation for design of structures, sub-grade soil and material investigations for design of track/formation should be accurate and reliable and in sufficient detail. The information should be tabulated and also represented graphically in a form that is capable of being checked and verified. Due account should be taken of any environment restrictions.
- (h) DPR should identify the potential sources of materials like quarry sites, borrow areas, establish their quality and recommend their use on the basis of techno-economic principles. It shall be preferred that locally available materials are utilized in the proposed project.

- (i) Correct details of all physical features and obstructions, structures, roads, canal/river crossing, water mains, sewers, gas/oil pipes, trees, plantations, electric and telecommunication lines, etc., which affect the proposal should be marked to an accuracy/tolerance consistent with their likely interference. The drawings should be capable to execution a site without additional instructions or changes.
- (j) Drawings for ROB/RUBs should be based on clearance by and approval of concerned Road authorities.
- (k) In case of bridges, the final design should be based on approval of General Arrangement Drawings (GAD) and alignment plan, to be given after consideration of alternatives bringing out their cost effectiveness and ease of construction.
- (l) The description of items in Schedule of items should be consistent with the drawings and specifications and all should lend themselves to harmonious and unambiguous interpretation.
- (m) Besides the quantities of various items of work, Schedule of items should also give the quantities of major materials like cement, steel and track components likely to be required for the work in order to arrive at their reliable percentages, required to be given in the Price Adjustment Formula.
- (n) The requirement of safety, the necessity for felling of trees, the local consultations had by DPR Consultants (with a view to identifying the needs/expectations of the people regarding underpasses/realignment etc., keeping in view the codal requirements) etc, shall also be reviewed.
- (p) The adequacy of proposed infrastructure to serve the project requirements shall be reviewed
- (q) The Sector Expert shall make a list of items which are not necessary for the project but included in the estimate.
- (r) In addition to above, any other project specific requirement shall also be reviewed.
