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The Principle Chief Engineer  
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Sub: Prescribing Uniform Defect Liability Period (DLP) /maintenance period under IRGCC and EPC Contracts of Bridge/ROB/RUBs works.

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It is observed that there is a variance with respect to the provisions of maintenance period/DLP under IRGCC and EPC Contracts respectively. Under the Standard EPC Agreement, Clause 15.1.1 prescribes a DLP of two years, which is further extended by Clause 15.1.2 to two years for important bridges and structures specified in Schedule B. Whereas IRGCC (Clause 47) provides for a "Maintenance Period" to be specified in the tender form, without a uniform prescription across Zonal Railways.

2. Accordingly, the proposal to bring uniformity in the provisions relating to Defect Liability Period (DLP)/maintenance period for works executed under EPC and Non-EPC (IRGCC) mode has been examined and keeping in view the importance of quality assurance of Bridge/ROB/RUBs works, the competent authority has approved prescribing a maintenance period of 4 years for work of:

- a) Construction of ROB/RUB/LHS
- b) Work of construction of new Rail Bridges/ROR
- c) Work related to re-building of existing bridges.

3. Zonal Railways are therefore advised to incorporate a Maintenance Period of four years in all future tenders and contracts related to above works.

4. The above instructions will be applicable for the tenders invited on or after the issue of this letter.

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