

- (c) Type and configuration of the vessel proposed to be deployed by the Operator for proposed movement of ODC.
- 8.2.2 The request should be submitted by the Operator at least **thirty days** before the due date of departure indicated in the tentative Movement Schedule.
- 8.3 Upon receipt of the request, Director, IWAI or his nominee shall immediately (within two days) fix a meeting with the Operator and discuss various aspects of the proposed transportation of ODC especially the Movement Schedule so as to arrive at a mutually agreed Movement Schedule.
- 8.4 Timely delivery of ODC is very important for completion of any project without 'time and cost overruns'. Accordingly, the **Movement Schedule** is to be finalized by the Operator in consultation with respective Director / in-charge of National Waterway so as to select the most favourable time for safe, smooth and timely passage of ODC. They would take into account the latest **Thalweg Survey** data of various stretches of the river, the River Notices issued by IWAI and the likely availability of LAD in various stretches of the NW and /or Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route during the period of movement of ODC.
- 8.5 After detailed consultation, the Operator shall give 'final and agreed' Movement Schedule with details in approved format as per *Annexure- C*, duly providing reasonable 'time cushion' for dealing with any contingency or unforeseen circumstances. Climatic factors like fog on the waterway will also be taken into account as dense fog in certain parts of the river in certain months can drastically reduce real voyage time.
- 8.6 Once the '**Final and Agreed Movement Schedule**' has been signed by the Operator and Director, IWAI, the Operator shall proceed to make full payment of the consolidated fee fixed by IWAI.

9 Procedure for Payment of Consolidated Fee

- 9.1 The Operator will make payment of consolidated fee by way of a Demand Draft made in favour of '**IWAI Fund**' payable at IWAI-Kolkata in case of ODC movement taking place in NW-1, NW-2 & Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route and IWAI-Kochi in case of ODC movement taking place in NW-3.
- 9.2 The Demand Draft will be deposited in the office of Director by the Operator. It will be the duty of the Accountant to keep proper records of payments received and ensure timely deposit of the Demand Draft in the Bank Account of IWAI so that the amount is credited into IWAI Fund Account before commencement of ODC trip. This process will be supervised by the Director.

10 Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- 10.1 After all formalities, as per the procedure laid down above, have been completed, the Operator and

Director of IWAI will sign an MoU in the approved format as per *Annexure-D*. There will be two original copies of the MoU with one being kept by the Director of IWAI and the other by the Operator. The MoU, read together with the Guidelines, will guide the actions of both the Operator and IWAI in respect of movement of ODC as per agreed Movement Schedule.

11 Territorial Jurisdiction

- 11.1 The jurisdiction of IWAI Field Directors shall be as follows for the purpose of movement of ODC:
- (1) **Director, IWAI, Kolkata:** Haldia to Rajmahal (including crossing of Farakka lock gate) in NW-1. Competent Authority for operation of Indo-Bangladesh Protocol on transit and trade by IWT mode.
 - (2) **Director, IWAI, Patna:** Upstream of Rajmahal to Allahabad in NW-1
 - (3) **Director, IWAI, Guwahati:** From Bangladesh border near Dhubri to Sadiya in NW-2
 - (4) **Director, IWAI, Kochi:** NW-3
- 11.2 For the purpose of coordinating and monitoring the movement of ODC as per the agreed Movement Schedule, a '**Nodal Officer**' (not below the rank of Assistant Director or its equivalent) shall be notified by the Director and his name, address, mobile number will be made available to the Operator and the Vessel Master within a week of receiving a request in the format prescribed at *Annexure-A*. Likewise, the Nodal Officer will have the name, address and mobile number of the Operator and the Vessel Master so that they remain continuously in touch as long as the vessel carrying ODC is moving in the stretch of NW under the charge of the Nodal Officer.
- 11.3 The stretches for which a 'Nodal Officer' will be designated by the Director are as under:
- NW-1 :** Haldia to Katwa; Katwa to Rajmahal; Rajmahal to Munger; Munger to Patna; Patna to Ghazipur; Ghazipur to Chunar and Chunar to Allahabad
- NW-2 :** Dhubri to Pandu; Pandu to Neamati; Neamati to Sadiya
- NW-3 :** Entire stretch

Duties of Nodal Officer

- 11.4 The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that the 'requisite' LAD is available in the entire stretch under his jurisdiction. Towards that end, he will ensure optimal utilization of CSD/HSD, bandalling etc. so that the requisite LAD is available to ensure safe, smooth and timely passage of ODC vessel as per the agreed Movement Schedule. It will be the responsibility of Director to provide full support to the Nodal Officer in this regard.
- 11.5 The Nodal Officer is required to monitor the LAD on a daily basis in the river stretch under his charge. In critical period, he is authorized to increase the frequency of channel survey.