

● HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT

NHSRCL awards ₹1,390-cr contract to L&T consortium

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THE NATIONAL HIGH-SPEED Rail Corporation (NHSRCL) on Monday awarded a ₹1,390-crore contract for procurement and fabrication of 28 steel bridges for the Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor to the Larsen & Toubro-IHI Infrastructure Systems consortium.

The bridges will be for crossing over railway lines, rivers, highways, road and other structures under the P-4 package. The contract provides for training and certification of welders in Welding Research Institute, Trichy; independent examining body with compe-



tence in testing, inspection and certification; mandatory use of computerised numerical control machines for accuracy and speed; engagement of international experts on continuous basis by the contractor to ensure technical accuracy and quality management, specification including stricter tolerances for steel material & fabrication and implementation

of quality assurance plan.

Civil contracts for the construction of 64% of MAHSR alignment which includes five HSR stations — Vapi, Billimora, Surat, Bharuch, Anand/Nadiad, train depot at Surat, and one mountain tunnel of 350 metres — have already been awarded. In total, 28 steel bridges with individual spans varying from 60 meters to 130 meters will be constructed for the MAHSR project, with the total length of all the steel bridges estimated at 4.5 km. These will need about 70,000 MT of steel for the fabrication which is expected to give a boost to steel industry and allied supply chains.

NHSRCL, the implementing body of the project, has

already sensitised the Indian steel industry to provide quality steel for the fabrication of super structures for these steel bridges which will not only reduce the cost but also boost the 'Make in India' mission.

NHSRCL has also floated a tender for the construction of the Bandra Kurla complex (Mumbai) underground station for MAHSR corridor. The seven companies which participated in the pre-bid meeting of the C1 tender are ITD Cementation India, J Kumar Infra Projects, Tata Projects, Larsen & Toubro, Afcons Infrastructure, Hindustan Construction Company and IRCON International.

The last date for submission of bids is February 19.