

SECTION: STRUCTURE

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1.0 GENERAL

The scope of specification covers fabrication, proto-assembly, supply and erection of galvanised steel structures for towers, beams, lightning masts and equipment support structures. If specified in section – Project, design of steel structure shall also be in the scope of contractor. The structures shall be of pipe type or lattice type as per Bid Proposa Sheet. Lattice structures shall be fabricated from structural steel conforming to IS: 2062 (latest). All pipe structures shall be fabricated from GI pipe conforming to YST 22 or of higher grade as per IS 806.

Line diagrams of Towers, beams, Lightning masts, equipment support structures are enclosed with the tender document. The fabrication drawings along with BOMs for these structures shall be provided to the successful bidder after the award. However structure, which are to be designed at detailed engineering stage by the employer, only line diagram shall be provided by POWERGRID and fabrication drawing shall be prepared by the Contractor. Support structure for circuit breaker shall be designed by the Manufacturer. Any other structure necessary to suit the layout for a particular substation to complete the work in all respect shall be designed by the employer / contractor at detailed Engineering stage.

Equipment support structure standardization has been carried out by the employer with the provision of stool to facilitate interchangeability of equipments at a later stage. Stools shall be provided by the Contractor between the equipment and its support structure to match the bus bar height. The top of stool shall be connected to the equipment and the bottom of the stool shall be connected to the Base support structure.

The scope shall include supply and erection of all types of structures including bolts, nuts, washers, step bolts, inserts in concrete, gusset plates, equipment mounting bolts, structure earthing bolts, foundation bolts, spring washers, fixing plates and any other items as required to complete the job.

The connection of all structures to their foundations shall be with base plates and embedded anchor/foundation bolts. All steel structures including anchor/foundation bolts shall be fully galvanized. The weight of the zinc coating shall be at least 610 gm/sq.m. Zinc coating for costal areas, if defined in section – Project shall not be less than 900gm/sq.m

Suitable modification shall be carried out in the drawings of equipment support structures by the Contractor in order to suit fixation of accessories such as marshalling boxes, MOM boxes, Control Cabinets, Junction box,

surge counter, etc. in the standard structure fabrication drawings. Nothing extra shall be payable or recoverable from the contractor on account of modification in support structures.

2.0 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURES (To be referred only for structures to be designed by the Contractor)

2.1 For design of steel structures loads such as dead loads, live loads, wind loads etc. shall be based on IS:875,Parts I to V.

2.2 For materials and permissible stresses IS: 802, Part-I, Section-2 shall be followed in general. However, additional requirements given in following paragraphs shall also be considered.

2.3 Minimum thickness of galvanized tower member shall be as follows:

Members	Minimum thickness (mm)
Leg members, Ground wire	
Peak members/Main members	5
Other members	4
Redundant members	4

Size and thickness of gusset plate, pack washer and pack plate shall be as per requirement.

2.4 Maximum slenderness ratios for leg members, other stressed members and redundant members for compression force shall be as per IS-802.

2.5 Minimum distance from hole center to edge shall be 1.5 x bolt diameter. Minimum distance between center to center of holes shall be 2.5 x bolt diameter.

2.6 All bolts shall be M16 or higher as per design requirement.

2.7 Step Bolts

In order to facilitate inspection and maintenance, the structures shall be provided with climbing devices. Each tower shall be provided with M16 step bolts 175mm long spaced not more than 450mm apart, staggered on faces on one leg extending from about 0.5 meters above plinth level to the top of the tower. The step bolt shall conform to IS: 10238.

2.8 Design Criteria

- a) All structures shall be designed for the worst combination of dead loads, live loads, wind loads as per code IS:875, seismic forces as per code IS:1893, loads due to deviation of conductor, load due to unbalanced tension in conductor, torsional load due to unbalanced vertical and horizontal forces, erection loads, short circuit forces including “snatch” in the case of bundled conductors etc. Short circuit forces shall be calculated considering a fault level of 40 kA, 50kA, 63kA or as applicable. IEC-60865 may be followed for evaluation of short circuit forces.
- b) Switchyard gantry structures shall be designed for the two conditions i.e. normal condition and short circuit condition. In both conditions the design of all structures shall be based on the assumption that stringing is done only on one side i.e. all the three (phase) conductors broken on the other side. Factor of safety of 2.0 under normal conditions and 1.5 under short circuit condition shall be considered for the design of switchyard structures.
- c) Vertical load of half the span of conductors/string and the earth wires on either side of the beam shall be taken into account for the purpose of design. Weight of man with tools shall be considered as 150 kgs. for the design of structures.
- d) Terminal/line take off gantries shall be designed for a minimum conductor tension of 9 metric tonnes per phase for 765kV, 4 metric tonnes per phase for 400kV, 2 metric tonnes per phase for 220kV and 1 metric tonne per phase for 132 kV or as per requirements whichever is higher . The distance between terminal gantry and dead end tower shall be taken as 200 metres for 765/400/220kV and 100m for 132KV. The design of these terminal gantries shall also be checked considering +/- 30 deg deviation of conductor in both vertical and horizontal planes. For other gantries the structural layout requirements shall be adopted in design.
- e) The beams shall be connected with towers/ columns by bolted joints.
- f) All Pipe support structures used for supporting equipments shall be designed for the worst combination of dead loads, erection load. Wind load/seismic forces, short circuit forces and operating forces acting on the equipment and associated bus bars as per IS:806. The material specification shall be as per IS: 1161 read in conjunction with IS: 806.
- g) If luminaries are proposed to be fixed on gantries, then the proper loading for the same shall be considered while designing. Also holes for fixing the brackets for luminaries should be provided wherever required.
- h) Foundation bolts shall be designed for the loads for which the structures are designed.

- i) Height of Lightning masts shall be as per approved structure layout and designed for diagonal wind condition. Lightning masts shall be provided with platforms for mounting lighting fixtures and a structural steel ladder within its base up to the level of platform. The ladder shall be provided with protection rings. The platforms shall also have protection railing. The details of lighting fixtures would be as per the approved drawings.

3.0 DESIGN DRAWINGS, BILL OF MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS

3.1 Structures, for which line diagram has already been provided along with tender documents, fabrication drawings (structure assembly drawing) along with Bill of Material shall be provided to the successful bidder after award based on which structures shall be supplied. Fabrication drawings issued to the contractor for any project shall be valid for other projects also if wind speed of the area is same. These drawings are also available on the POWERGRID web site and can be downloaded from the web site. Hard copies, if needed, can be obtained from employer. These drawings shall be good for fabrication and inspection of steel structures for any substation. Release for construction stamp for particular substation is not required. Replacing MS section with higher section or replacing MS section with HT section of same size due to non availability of particular section shall not require employer's approval and this can be done without any additional financial implication to the employer.

3.2 STRUCTURES DESIGNED DURING DETAILED ENGINEERING:

3.2.1 In case design of structure is to be done by employer, only line diagram of the structure shall be provided to the contractor and fabrication drawing shall be prepared by contractor based on line diagram and submitted for approval.

3.2.2 In case design of structure is covered in the scope of contract, the contractor shall submit design alongwith line diagram for approval and based on approved line diagram, fabrication drawing shall be prepared and submitted for employers' approval. The line diagram should indicate not only profile, but section, numbers and sizes of bolts and details of typical joints.

3.2.3 The fabrication drawings to be prepared and furnished by the Contractor shall be based on line diagram provided by employer or the design approved by the employer. These fabrication drawings shall indicate complete details of fabrication and erection including all erection splicing details and typical fabrication splicing details, lacing details, weld sizes and lengths. Bolt details and all customary details in accordance with standard structural engineering practice whether or not given by the employer. The fabrication drawings and bill of material based on fabrication drawing shall be submitted to the employer for approval. Approved bill of material prepared based on fabrication drawing shall be the basis for payment.

3.3 Such approval shall, however, not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility for the safety and durability of the structure and good connections and any loss or damage occurring due to defective fabrication, design or workmanship shall be borne by the Contractor.

4.0 FABRICATION AND ERECTION

4.1 The fabrication and erection works shall be carried out generally in accordance with IS 802. A reference however may be made to IS 800 in case of non-stipulation of some particular provisions in IS 802. All materials shall be completely shop fabricated and finished with proper connection material and erection marks for ready assembly in the field.

4.2 The component parts shall be assembled in such a manner that they are neither twisted nor otherwise damaged and shall be so prepared that the specified camber, if any, is provided. In order to minimize distortion in member the component parts shall be positioned by using the clamps, clips, dogs, jigs and other suitable means and fasteners (bolts and welds) shall be placed in a balanced pattern. If the individual components are to be bolted, paralleled and tapered drifts shall be used to align the part so that the bolts can be accurately positioned.

4.3 Sample towers, beams, lightning masts and equipment support structures may be trial assembled in fabrication shop in order to ensure fitment of various members and to avoid problems during erection.

4.4 The Contractor should arrange on his own all plant and equipment, welding set, tools and tackles, scaffolding, trestles equipments and all other accessories and ancillaries required for carrying out erection without causing any stresses in the members which may cause deformation and permanent damage. Minor modification, if any, required during erection shall be done at site with the approval of Engineer – in- charge.

5.0 BOLTING

- i) Every bolt shall be provided with a washer under the nut so that no part of the threaded portion of the bolt is within the thickness of the parts bolted together.
- ii) In case of fasteners, the galvanizing shall conform to IS-1367(Part 13). The spring washer shall be electro galvanized as per Grade IV of IS-1573.

6.0 WELDING

The work shall be done as per approved fabrication drawings which shall clearly indicate various details of joints to be welded, type of weld, length and size of weld, Symbols for welding on erection and shop drawings shall be

according to IS:813. Welding shall be carried out in accordance with IS:816.

7.0 FOUNDATION BOLTS

7.1 Foundation bolts for the towers and equipment supporting structures shall be embedded in first stage concrete while the foundation is cast. The Contractor shall ensure the proper alignment of these bolts to match the holes in the base plate.

7.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the correct alignment and leveling of all steel work on site to ensure that the towers/structures are plumb.

7.3 All foundation bolts for lattice structure, pipe structure are to be supplied by the Contractor.

7.4 All foundation bolts shall be provided with two no. standard nuts of class 5 confirming to IS:1363/1367/6639, one check nut of class 4 confirming to IS:1364, one anchore plate at the bottom of foundation bolt and one plain washer.

7.5 All foundation bolts shall conform to IS 5624, however, the material, shall be MS conforming to IS:2062/ SAE:1018.

8.0 STABILITY OF STRUCTURE

The Contractor shall be responsible for the stability of the structure at all stages of its erection at site and shall take all necessary measures by the additions of temporary bracings and guying to ensure adequate resistance to wind and also to loads due to erection equipment and their operations.

9.0 GROUTING

The method of grouting the column bases shall be subject to approval of employer and shall be such as to ensure a complete uniformity of contact over the whole area of the steel base plate. No additional payment for grouting shall be admissible.

10.0 GALVANISING

All structural steel works, equipment support structures and foundation bolts shall be galvanized after fabrication. The galvanization shall be done as per requirement of IS 4579. Purity of zinc to be used shall be 99.95% as per IS:209.

11.0 TOUCH-UP PAINTING

Minor defects in hot dip galvanized members shall be repaired by applying

zinc rich primer and two coats of enamel paint to the satisfaction the employer before erection.

12.0 INSPECTION BEFORE DISPATCH

Each part of the fabricated steel work shall be inspected as per approved quality plans and certified by the employer or his authorized representative as satisfactory before it is dispatched to the erection site. Such certification shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility regarding adequacy and completeness of fabrication.

13.0 TEST CERTIFICATE

Copies of all test certificates relating to material procured by the Contractor for the works shall be submitted during inspection.

14.0 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Contractor shall strictly follow at all stages of fabrication, transportation and erection of steel structures, raw materials and other tools and tackles, the stipulations contained in Indian Standard Code for Safety during erection of structural steel work-IS:7205.

15.0 All tests mentioned in standard field quality plans shall have to be carried out and conformity of materials and workmanship shall be ascertained.