

Government of India
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Sub: LC and ROB/RUB safety works.

Ref: CAO/C/SWR letter no. 352/CN/BNC/ROB/RUB/GENL dated 24.03.2010.

Vide reference above, it has been reported that Railways are forced to retain manned and unmanned LC gates in gauge conversion and construct new manned & unmanned LC gates in new lines, as ROB/RUB/LHS is not permitted in Detailed / revised estimates, except on NH/SH. The aspects like safety in providing LCs or the operational cost of the LCs are not taken into account. And without provision of road passage at railway intersection point by way of LC or LHS, villagers simply do not allow to complete the projects. **As such, there is need to issue policy instruction with Board's Finance concurrence for effective implementation of policy of elimination of LC gates.**


In this regard, it is appraised that Board has already issued clear instruction with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Board and summarily prohibit construction of new unmanned LC gates on new lines and gauge conversion sites, without the personal approval of Board (ME). This is also based on commitment given in the Parliament. Relevant letters (No. 92/CE-I/LX/233 dated 20.06.94, 7.7.95 and 96/CE-I/LX/82 dated 13.08.96) are enclosed.

Railways may like to peruse Railway Budget Pronouncements:

Para 35: "Madam Speaker, accidents at unmanned level crossings are a source of deep concern to all of us. Even now, there are about 17,000 unmanned level crossings. The House will be happy to know that manning of around 3,000 level crossings was approved in 2009-10 and a further 1,000 level crossings will be taken up next year. A special drive in this regard is being launched so those in the coming five years, all the unmanned LCs are manned".

Para 36: "Madam, it is observed that people do not use foot over-bridge and walk along or cross the track, resulting in loss of lives. Therefore, Railways would construct more under-passes, limited height sub-ways besides ROB/RUBs

Keeping above in view, Powers to sanction LHS/RUB/ROB costing upto Rs.2.5crores has also been delegated to GMs. Now, with commitment, given in the Parliament and Budget Pronouncement 10-11, to reduce nos. of level crossings and letter already issued with Board's Finance concurrence, dated 20.06.94, there appears no reason to go for unmanned/manned LC gates. Therefore, Railways may like to take necessary action accordingly.



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- (i) PCEs/CAO (C) of all zonal railways for information and necessary action please.
- (ii) ED/W and DFX-II: May like to consider the provisions of Limited / Normal Height subway in Detailed / Revised Estimates, in place of unmanned/manned level crossing gates, in view of Budget Pronouncement and Board's letter dated 20.06.94. This will go in long way to reduce the population of level crossing on IR and improve safety of rail-road users.