GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2010/CE-I/Misc./NH/4/ Pt-IV

New Delhi, Dated 29.12.2011

The General Manager, All Zonal Railways,

Sub: Applicable charges and Schemes of construction of Grade Separators

Clarification with respect to track crossing.

Board, vide letter of even no. dated 30.11.2011, have directed Railways to levy various charges in accordance with letters issued regarding construction of grade separators on deposit terms through State Govt., BOT, PPP, NHAI, Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA). These policy instructions are applicable for ROB/RUB/Subway being constructed, either in lieu of level crossing or as a track crossing (without involving closure of level crossing). Letter under reference above, had to be issued because of non-uniform application of various policy letters issued, particularly, levy of traffic-cum-block charges on some Railways.

Railways should note that Board have taken a considered view while relaxing Departmental & Supervision charges or waiving indirect / detention cost on account of Traffic cum Power block / Speed restriction in view of large benefits, which grade separator offers. These waivers have been extended to construction of RUB even at tress-passing location through NREGA. Construction of grade separator offers direct closure of level crossing, if it is in lieu of level crossings and it has Train Vehicle Unit (TVU) reducing effect on adjoining level crossings, constructed only as a track crossing, giving relief to Station Master & Gateman.

Chairman, Railway Board has further directed all General Managers to make full use of such relaxation and expedite construction grade separators through *external investment* i.e. on deposit terms (D.O. letter No. 2010/CE-I/Misc./NH-4 dated 26.12.2011 enclosed). Railways have also been directed to submit a status report, regarding ROB/RUB works held up due to delay in sanction of traffic blocks or speed restrictions on these account, latest by 06.01.2012.

Railway should, therefore, ensure that indirect cost /detention cost is **not levied** in case of construction of grade separator **in lieu of level crossing** or as **track crossing** (not involving closure of level crossing) or even in lieu of **trespassing location**. No work of ROB/RUB should be stopped due to such reasons.

Further, kindly submit the status of ROB/RUB held up on account of traffic blocks / speed restrictions for onward appraisal to CRB.

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