

**भारतसरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**रेलमंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
**(रेलवेबोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)**

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New Delhi, dated: 16.04.2024

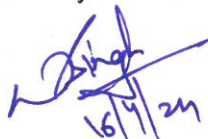
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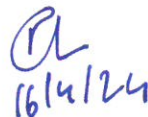
**Sub.: Fast Tracking execution of multi-tracking projects under three Economic Corridors (i.e., Energy, Mineral & Cement Corridors, High Traffic Density Routes and Rail Sagar Corridors)**

**Ref.: Minutes of Board meeting held on dt 03.04.2024.**

To fast track the execution of Multitracking railway projects under the three Economic Corridors (Energy, Mineral & Cement Corridors, High Traffic Density Routes and Rail Sagar Corridors), following provisions have been approved by the Board so as to initiate pre construction activities such as land acquisition process, forest clearance process and utility shifting processing (i.e. HT line crossing, sewage lines etc.) in parallel with the sanctioning of the project, subject to the condition that the project DPR has been recommended by Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) of the Railway Board and FIRR of project is more than 10% :-

1. Preparation of all revenue and forest land plans, submission to authorities, uploading of forest clearance documents on PARIVESH Portal, field verification of land and forest plan with revenue and forest officials during joint measurement survey (JMS). Field verification by forest officials may be combined with revenue verification in JMS to avoid repetition and loss of time.
2. Preparation of GAD/ Plans for shifting of utilities like HT line crossing, sewage lines etc. and necessary application to concerned authorities for shifting / clearances.
3. General Manager of Zonal Railways have been authorised to declare the project as "Special Railway Project" under the Railway Act once PEC recommends the project, so that Land Acquisition process can be initiated in parallel with the processing of the sanction of the project by the Competent Authority.
4. General Manager of zonal Railways are authorized to sanction above-mentioned preconstruction activities including tendering process for undertaking associated activities such as engaging consultants for necessary coordination with State/ Concerned Authorities and payment for processing land acquisition, processing of utility shifting/ modification. However, payment for compensation towards land acquisition and actual utility shifting should be made only after sanction of the project by the Competent Authority. For the works costing more than the financial power delegated to the General Manager, the same shall be sanctioned by the Railway Board.
5. Accordingly, Minor Head **Surveys** under Major Head 3001 (Indian Railways Policy Formulation, Direction, Research and other miscellaneous organization) is modified to "**Surveys and preconstruction activities**". Correspondingly, Para 724 of IRFC Volume-I and Explanatory Notes 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1113 of IRFC Volume-II shall be amended. Necessary modification in IRFC will follow.

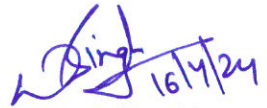
  
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6. Also, Para 724 of IRFC Vol-I i.e. transfer of the expenditure incurred on Surveys and Preconstruction activities to the Project concerned from "when the Project is **undertaken**" shall be modified to "when the project is **sanctioned** by the competent authority". Necessary modification in IRFC will follow.

This is issued with the approval of full Board.

Encl: As above.

  
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Director/GatiShakti/Civil-I  
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