

Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

No. 2010/Safety (A&R)/3/7

New Delhi, Dt. 12.05.10

The Chief Operations Manager,  
All Zonal Railways,

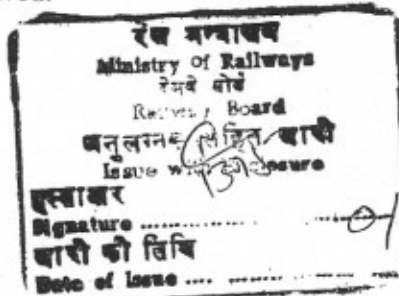
- Sub: 1. Unmanned Level Crossings on New Lines and Gauge Conversion Works  
2. Constructions of RUBs under MPLADS fund.

Board has issued instructions with the concurrence of Finance Directorate which prohibits provision of unmanned LCs on New Lines as also in Gauge Conversion Projects without the personal approval of Board (ME). In this regard relevant letters issued No. 92/CE-I/LX/233 dt. 20.06.94, 7.7.95 and 96/CE-I/LX/82 dt. 13.08.96 may be referred. It is seen that still a no. of unmanned level crossings are provided on such projects despite strict guidelines issued.

Policy directions has already been advised to all General Managers vide letter No. 2006/CE-I/BRO/82/MPLADS (Policy) dated 27.2.07 (copy enclosed) that constructions of RUB's can also be sponsored for taking up under the MPLADS funds scheme. Dispensation has also been given for non recovery of departmental charges in such cases; these policy guidelines also cover Supervision, Establishment and Maintenance Charges in such cases.

It may be desirable to take note of Board's guidelines as mentioned above and ensure that these are followed.

Encl: As above.



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Ministry of Railways  
Railway Board

No.2008/CE-I/Misc/2/RUB/ (Pt)

New Delhi, dated 30.03.2010

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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.**

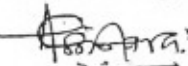
In this regard, it is appraised that Board has already issued clear instruction, with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Board and summarily prohibit construction of new unmanned LC gates on new lines and gauge conversion sites, without the personal approval of Board (ME). This is also based on 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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EDCE/B&S-II

Copy to:

- (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.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2006/CE-I/BRO/82/MPLADS (Policy)

New Delhi, dated 27/2/2007

General Managers  
All Indian Railways.

**Sub: Construction of Road Under Bridges through funds provided under  
Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS).**

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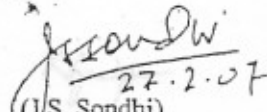
As the Railways are aware, the procedure to be followed for undertaking fixed works portion for manning of unmanned level crossings sponsored by Members of Parliament through funds allocated under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) was advised vide Board's letter No. 95/CE-1/LX/10/Pt. dated 12.02.1999. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation have now advised that construction of road under bridges is also permissible under the MPLADS. As per the Guidelines issued, the implementing agencies (Departments) shall not levy any administrative charges, centage, salary of any person, travel cost etc. for their services in respect of preparatory work, implementation and supervision of projects/works under MPLADS.

The matter has been examined and it has been decided that when works like construction of road under bridges etc. are sponsored for being taken up under MPLADS, no departmental charges shall be charged. Supervision, Establishment and Maintenance charges provisions should be kept to the minimum as in the case of similar Railway Works. However, these charges should not be charged to the funds made available under MPLADS, and should be borne by the Railways.

This disposes of South Central Railway's letter No. W. 352/1/3 dated 20.11.2006

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Please acknowledge receipt.

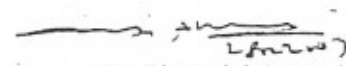
  
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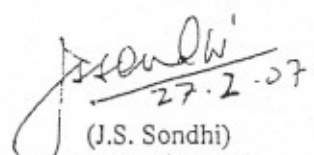
  
For Financial Commissioner/Railways

No. 2006/CE-I/BRO/82/MPLADS (Policy)

New Delhi, dated 27/2/2007

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1. Principal Chief Engineers/Chief Engineer (Co-ord.), All Indian Railways.
2. Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), All Indian Railways.
3. F(X)-II and Budget Branches of Railway Board.

  
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