Sub: Execution of new Line Projects – Policy regarding.

Ref: (i) Board’s letter no. 2017/W-1/Genl./Budget dated 08-01-2018.

Reference above, instructions were issued to Zonal Railways vide letter under reference (ii) stipulating that “payment for establishment charges and joint measurement charges for land acquisition may be made to State Government on their demand & that payment for land acquisition should be made only after finalization of award by the State Government”.

Consequent to above, a large number of construction projects became stalled because aforesaid instructions were not in line with the provisions of section 19 of land acquisition act 2013 and Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Gujarat) Rules 2017.

The matter has been examined in consultation with L&A Directorate and accordingly to streamline the issue of land acquisition in Railway projects, it has been decided by Railway Board (ME & FC) that:

1. All Doubling & Gauge Conversion & only important New Line projects should be declared as Special Railway Projects & land acquisition should be done as per Railway Amendment Act, 2008 by opening a joint account. However, authority to declare any project as Special Railway Project still vests with General Manager of Zonal Railway as communicated vide Board’s letter No. 2010/LML/12/8 dated 22.11.2017.

2. Board’s letter No. 2017/W-1/Genl./Misc. dated 29.06.2018 stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

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2. Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

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