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भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2022/LML-I/24/67

New Delhi, dated: 21/03/2023

The General Managers
 All Zonal Railways & PUs.

Sub: Clarification on levying supervision charges for laying Telecom/OFC cables for BharatNet project and Smart City Mission initiative.

- Ref:** (i) Rly Bd letter No. 2017/LML-/24/13 dated 05.01.18, 16.02.18 & 07.06.18.
 (ii) Rly Bd letter No. 2022/LML-I/24/38 dated 04.08.22 & 05.09.22
 (iii) Board's policy circular No. 2021/LML/25/5 dated 04/10/2022
 (iv) Rly Board's letter No. 2022/LML-I/24/67 dated 21.12.22.

The guidelines for laying Telecom/OFC cables for Bharatnet Project of Department of Telecom and Smart City Mission (SCM) initiative of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affair were issued by Railway Board vide letters under reference (i) & (ii).

2. Railway Board vide letter under reference (iii) has issued Master circular on land policy. Subsequently Railway Board vide letter under reference (iv) has issued guidelines on provision of lumpsum supervision charges to accord approval for wayleave cases of Telecom/OFC cables.
3. Few references have been received in Board's office seeking clarification on the applicability or otherwise of supervision charges on the proposals under Bharatnet Project and Smart City Mission (SCM) initiative.
4. Considering the importance of the Bharatnet Project and 'Smart City Mission' Program of Govt. of India, it has been decided with the approval of Board (MI) that the proposals of laying of OFC/Telecom cables received under "Bharatnet Project" & "Smart City Mission", being implemented by Department of Telecom & Ministry of Housing & Urban Affair respectively will continue to be governed by the instructions issued vide Board's letter under reference (i) & (ii) respectively. The instructions on levying lump sum supervision charges as envisaged in Board's letter dated 21.12.2022 under reference (iv) shall not be applicable for proposals received under Bharatnet Project and 'Smart City Mission' Program of Govt. of India.

Signed by Pameer Arora

Date: 21-03-2023 17:03:59

Reason: Approved (Pameer Arora)

Director/Land & Amenities
 Railway Board

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2. The Principal Director of Audit, All Indian Railways.
3. The Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

Signed by Sanjay Kumar Singh**Date: 22-03-2023 17:29:23****Reason: Approved for Member (Finance), Railway Board**

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- i) Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
- ii) Secretary, DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001
- iii) EDCE(P), EDCE(G), EDCE(B&S)(, OSD/RCIL, Dir(Tele.), Tele & F(X) Branches, Railway Board.