

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2022/LML-II/15/1

Dated: 06.05.2022

The General Manager(s),
All Indian Railways,


**Sub: Policy Guidelines on Beautification of Railway area/premises at
station approaches along the track.**

It has been observed that the aesthetic appearance of open spaces along the track in the approaches of Stations can be preserved by developing green patches by planting low height plants/ flowering plants/medicinal plants, etc.

In this connection a policy was issued vide Board's letter 2012/LM(PA)/03/08/ policy dated 31.03.2022. In continuation of this policy broad guidelines for development of green cover/patches by planting low height plants in vacant spaces/area in the station approaches along the track are enclosed for implementation through participation of individuals, NGOs, Trusts, Charitable institutions, Corporates, Government Bodies and Self-Help groups.

This issues with the approval of Board and Associate finance.

DA: as above


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Director/L&A,
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- (3) Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.


for Member (Finance), Railway Board

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Annexure to letter no. 2022/LML-II/15/1 dated 06.05.2022

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1.2 It has, therefore, been decided that the vacant spaces/area in the station approaches along the track may be developed as green cover by planting low height plants, shrubs, creepers, bushes, herbs/medicinal plants, climbers, ornamental plants, flower plants, etc. Individuals, NGOs, Trusts, Charitable institutions, Corporates, Government Bodies and Self-Help groups, herein after referred as party/parties, can play a vital role in developing this vacant railway the area into environment friendly area. All such parties will be encouraged to participate in this initiative. The implementation of this scheme will be through participation of the people (Jan Bhagidari).

2.0 Identification of area for the Scheme:

2.1 Railway shall identify the area in the approach of stations for beautification. The area beyond safety zone only will be marked for the purpose of beautifying/green patches.

2.2 A plan of such area showing the existing tracks, the area boundary, other railway infrastructure, road, etc including the area already identified for railway's own purpose shall be marked. While making such plan, Railway shall ensure that access to yard/station for asset maintenance is not blocked. Moreover, the area being used for stacking railway material, GMF schemes, etc should not be identified under this scheme.

2.3 Sr. DEN/Co of the Division shall co-ordinate for the approval of plans and overall work. The plan shall be approved by DRM.

2.4 There shall be no D&G and supervision charges on the work.

3.0 Scrutiny of the Proposals:

3.1 Expression of interest (Eol) from interested parties will be called through Press/online advertisement to implement this scheme with the approval of DRM.

3.2 In case, there are more than one proposal in developing such green patch, the area will be divided among the interested parties. In case, it is not possible to divide the area, the selection may be done on draw of lots.



4.0 Execution of Memorandum of Understanding:

4.1 A MOU with broad terms as under will be signed between Railway Administration (Sr.DEN) and the Party. This MOU will be initially valid for one year and may be extended after one year upto 3 years with mutual consent of both the parties. Extension of MOU will be done based on performance by the party and fulfilling the conditions mentioned therein.

4.2 The responsibility for maintaining plants/green patches will lie with the party. The leaves/branches/roots/bark/gum/flowers etc. of the plants may be collected and removed by the party to keep the area tidy and clean.

4.3 Party has to make arrangements for supply of water by its own means. However, Railway may provide water on best effort basis.

4.4 The area will be made available only for right to use access basis. No encumbrance shall be created by the party on railway area permitted. No permanent/semi- permanent structure will be erected by party in the area. However, temporary fencing/ covering of such green patches developed may be allowed to prevent trespassing/cattle grazing.

4.5 Party shall not undertake any activity which can endanger safety of track, buildings, etc. While preparing the area, special care will be taken to avoid damage to cables and other railway infrastructure, etc. Mechanised excavation shall not be permitted. Vehicles shall not be allowed to ply near the track on railway land. In exceptional cases, if vehicles are required to ply on railway land, the same shall be under the direct supervision of railway staff. The party will ensure proper drainage so as not to cause any harm to railway track.


4.6 The party shall not have any right on the area other than the purpose mentioned in the MoU. Upon violation of this provision railway reserves the right to terminate the MoU. In case of doubt, decision of DRM will be final. The party shall not have any right to use the area for any commercial exploitation of asset being provided in railway premises.

4.7 The height of the plants selected should not restrict the visibility of signals/ interfere with electrical wires or train operations. The concerned party will ensure proper pruning/cutting of branches. Beehives shall not be permitted.

4.8 Railway shall have free access to the site at all times for any purpose including but not limited to operation, maintenance, restoration works etc.

4.9 The party may display its name with relevant details as per Good Industry practice on a maximum ten square feet area (temporary). No extra space/facility for advertising/publicity shall be given to the party.

4.10 The party shall indemnify Railways against any loss of life/property, injury occurring in relation to the activity/property covered under MOU. In case of any dispute, the decision of DRM will be final and binding on both the parties.



4.11 The party shall comply with all applicable laws.

4.12 In the event of breach of the conditions laid down in the policy, either party can terminate this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) leaving the green patches on 'as is where is basis'.

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5.0 General:

5.1 Railway will provide proper Identification Card (ID) to the person engaged in upkeep of the green medicinal patches.

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New Delhi, Dated: 23.09.2022


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**Sub: Revised Policy Guidelines on Beautification of Railway
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Please refer to this office letter of even no. dated 06.05.2022 vide which policy guidelines on Beautification of Railway area/premises at station approaches along the track were issued for implementation. Para no. 1.2, 4.2 & 4.9 of the policy guidelines have been modified. Revised policy guidelines on Beautification of Railway area/premises at station approaches along the track are enclosed for implementation.

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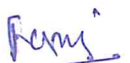

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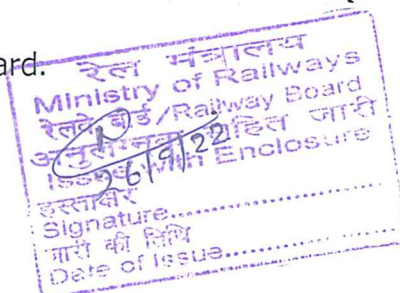

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