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Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No. 2003/Tele/RCIL/I/Pt.IX

New Delhi, dated 04.05.2007.

All Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub:- Damage to the OFC/cable along the track.

Ref:- Board's JPO No. 2004/Sig/G/7 dt. 16.12.2004.

Board has issued Joint Procedure Order mentioned under reference for executing the work in the vicinity of underground signalling, electrical and telecom cables. But despite these guidelines, it is being observed by the Board that cables are being damaged regularly on the Zonal Railways while executing the works along the railway track. This is mainly due to contractors working without giving any information to the Railways.

OFC is the backbone of all important communication requirements like UTS & FOIS etc., alongwith all important control & block circuits for train operations & safety. Repeated cable cutting due to negligence in workings leads to safety hazards, communication failures and premature replacement of cables.

It has been reported that there is considerable scope for further improvement. Board have decided that JPO referred to above should be strictly adhered to. Even after taking adequate precaution for protect these cables including advising the contractors before the start of such works in writing, if any contractor damages any of these cables, a flat penalty of Rs. one lakh should be imposed. This may be introduced on pilot basis for the current year i.e. up to 31.3.2008. The results to be reviewed in February 2008 and further action regarding extension or otherwise can be taken thereafter. Please ensure compliance of the above instructions.

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

Please acknowledge receipt.

(Sanjay Dungrakoti)
Director/Telecom

New Delhi, dated 03.05.2007.

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