GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2010/LML/12/8 New Delhi, dated 21.02.2020

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Acquisition of land for Railway Infrastructure Projects for public purpose.

Ref: Railway Board's letter of even number dated 22.11.2017.

In supersession of Railway Board's letter of even number dated 22.11.2017, following instructions are isssued:-

It has been found as per procedure laid down in the Railway Act, 1989, it takes only 27 months for acquisition of land against 47-50 months as per "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013". As such, it is desired for all such railway infrastructure projects which have to be completed in a specified time frame, the land should invariably be acquired through the provisions of Railway Act, 1989 by declaring them "Special Railway Projects". This is within the competence of the Zonal Railways as per Railway Board's letter of even number dated 19.12.2014.

This issues with the approval of Board (ME).

(Ajay Sharma)
Executive Director/L&A-I
Railway Board.

रेल मंत्रालय
Ministry of Railways
रेलवे बोर्ड/Railway Board
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भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

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No.2018/W-I/Genl./Land Acquisition

New Delhi, Dt. 05.02.2020

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Execution of new Line Projects –Policy regarding.

Ref: (i) Board's letter no. 2017/W-1/Genl./Budget dated 08-01-2018.
(ii) Board's letter no. 2017/W-1/Genl./Misc. dated 29-06-2018.

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.

(Hari Mohan Gupta)
Executive Director Works
Railway Board

No.2018/W-I/Genl./Land Acquisition

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

For Financial Commissioner (Railways)

Copy to: CAO(Const.), All Indian Railways for information and necessary action.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2010/LML/12/8 New Delhi, dated 22.11.2017

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Acquisition of land for Railway Infrastructure Projects for public purpose.

Ref: Railway Board's letter of even number dated 19.12.2014 & 08.04.2010.

It has been found as per procedure laid down in the Railway Act, 1989, it takes only 27 months for acquisition of land against 47-50 months as per "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013". As such, it is desired for all such railway infrastructure projects which have assured funding and to be completed in a specified time frame, the land should invariably be acquired through the provisions of Railway Act, 1989 by declaring them "Special Railway Projects". This is within the competence of the Zonal Railways as per Railway Board's letter of even number dated 19.12.2014.

(S. Banerjee)
Dy. Director/LML-II
Railway Board.

