GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

No. 2001/LML/14/122 New Delhi, dt. 21.01.02

The General Managers(Engg.),
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Long lasting documentation of land records relating to disputes.

Instructions have been issued time and again on importance of dealing with encroachments, maintenance of land plans, and boundaries. These instructions have also been compiled in the Standing Engineering Order No. 15. Recently Zonal Railways have been directed by letter No. 98/LML/14/156 dt. 25.9.01 to issue the revised Joint Procedure Orders which puts emphasis on proper maintenance of land records and coordinated efforts in dealing with encroachments. Zonal Railways have also been directed by letter No. 2001/LML/Encroachments-MCDO dt. 2/5.11.01 to launch a drive to expedite execution of the E.O's orders.

Vigilance Directorate of this Ministry have observed that judgements of Estate Officers for eviction of encroachers from Railway land are not being implemented expeditiously and records of disputes relating to land are not being maintained properly. In one case E.O's order upheld by the Appellate Court, was not implemented, and the officials even forgot the case. Later the same encroachment was treated as a fresh encroachment and fresh notices were given.

In order to avoid the possibility of recurrence of such cases it is desired that Railways should maintain computerised records of all cases of encroachments especially which are under litigation either with the E.Os or in Courts. These position should be updated also from time to time. Simultaneously, Railways should ensure that E.O's orders are executed expeditiously.

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