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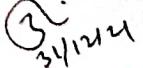
**The General Managers,
Northeast Frontier Railway
South Western Railway
Northeast Frontier Railway (Const.)**

Sub: Major upgradation of stations on Indian Railways

Ref: RLDA's letter No. RLDA/2020/Corres/Railway Board/2206, Dated 29.11.2021.

Board has decided that at least one railway station in each state should be developed to modern standards. A number of stations have already been entrusted to RLDA/ Zonal Railways for development except stations in the states of Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Goa. However, stations like Kamakhya in Assam, Imphal in Manipur, Sairang (Aizawl) in Mizoram, Rangpo in Sikkim, Agartala in Tripura, Naharlagun (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh, Mehendipatnagar in Meghalaya and Vasco-Da-Gama in Goa have either been constructed recently or are being developed as a part of new line, doubling or under other sanctioned works.

For the above mentioned stations, the Zonal Railways may check for adequacy of infrastructure. It is desired that the works may be planned by the executing agencies in such a manner that the above stations are developed to contemporary standards viz. segregation of arrivals and departures, integration with other modes of transport, smooth traffic circulation amongst others. Duplication of any major item of expenditure shall be avoided and necessary approvals wherever required shall be obtained by executing agencies before incurring such expenditure. If the facilities available at any of the above stations are considered adequate, further expenditure may not be incurred. Zonal Railways may examine and plan development/redevelopment of the above stations in consultation with RLDA.


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(37) "rolling stock" includes locomotives, tenders, carriages, wagons, rail-cars, containers, trucks, trolleys and vehicles of all kinds moving on rails;

¹[(37A) "special railway project" means a project notified as such by the Central Government from time to time, for providing national infrastructure for a public purpose in a specified time-frame, covering one or more States or the Union territories;]

(38) "station to station rate" means a special reduced rate applicable to a specific commodity booked between specified stations;

(39) "traffic" includes rolling stock of every description, as well as passengers and goods;

²[(40) "Tribunal" means the Tribunal referred to in section 33;]

(41) "wharfage" means the charge levied on goods for not removing them from the railway after the expiry of the free time for such removal;

(42) "Zonal Railway" means a Zonal Railway constituted under section 3.

CHAPTER II

RAILWAY ADMINISTRATIONS

3. Zonal Railways.—(1) The Central Government may, for the purpose of the efficient administration of the Government railways, by notification constitute such railways into as many Zonal Railways as it may deem fit and specify in such notification the names and headquarters of such Zonal Railways and the areas in respect of which they shall exercise jurisdiction.

(2) The Zonal Railway existing immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be Zonal Railways constituted under sub-section (1).

(3) The Central Government may, by notification, declare any unit of the railways engaged in research, development, designing, construction or production of rolling stock, its parts or other equipment used on a railway, to be a Zonal Railway.

(4) The Central Government may, by notification, abolish any Zonal Railway or constitute any new Zonal Railway out of any existing Zonal Railway or Zonal Railways, change the name or headquarters of any Zonal Railway or determine the areas in respect of which a Zonal Railway shall exercise jurisdiction.

4. Appointment of General Manager.—(1) The Central Government shall, by notification, appoint a person to be the General Manager of a Zonal Railway.

(2) The general superintendence and control of a Zonal Railway shall vest in the General Manager.

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RAIL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4A. Establishment of Railway Land Development Authority.—The Central Government may, by notification, establish an authority to be called the Rail Land Development Authority to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on it by or under this Act.

4B. Composition of Authority.—(1) The Authority shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and not more than four other members.

(2) The Member Engineering, Railway Board shall be the Chairman, *ex officio*, of the Authority.

(3) The Vice-Chairman and three other members shall be appointed by the Central Government from amongst persons who are or have been working in the Civil Engineering, Finance and Traffic disciplines of any railway administration and having adequate experience in the relevant discipline as the Central Government may consider necessary.

1. Ins. by Act 11 of 2008, s. 2 (w.e.f. 31-1-2008).

2. Subs. by Act 7 of 2017, s. 163, for clause (40) (w.e.f. 26-5-2017).

3. Ins. by Act 47 of 2005, s. 3 (w.e.f. 30-8-2006).

(4) The Central Government shall also appoint a member who shall be a person from outside the railway administration and having adequate experience in such field as it may consider necessary.

4C. Terms and conditions of appointment of Vice-Chairman and other Members.—The terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice-Chairman and the other Members of the Authority, other than the Chairman, and the manner of filling casual vacancies among them shall be such as may be prescribed.

4D. Functions of Authority.—(1) The Authority shall discharge such functions and exercise such powers of the Central Government in relation to the development of railway land and as are specifically assigned to it by the Central Government.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Central Government may assign to the Authority all or any of the following functions, namely:—

(i) to prepare scheme or schemes for use of railway land in conformity with the provisions of this Act;

(ii) to develop railway land for commercial use as may be entrusted by the Central Government for the purpose of generating revenue by non-tariff measures;

(iii) to develop and provide consultancy, construction or management services and undertake operation in India in relation to the development of land and property;

(iv) to carry out any other work or function as may be entrusted to it by the Central Government, by order in writing.

4E. Powers of Authority to enter into agreements and execute contracts.—Subject to such directions as may be given to it by the Central Government, the Authority shall be empowered to enter into agreements on behalf of the Central Government and execute contracts.

4F. Procedure of transaction of business of Authority.—The Authority shall have power to regulate, by means of regulations made by it, its own procedure (including quorum at its meetings) and the conduct of all business to be transacted by it, the constitution of Committees and Sub-Committees of Members and the delegation to them any of the powers (excluding the power to make regulations under this Chapter) and to perform duties of the Authority.

4G. Appointment of officers and other employees of Authority.—(1) For the purpose of enabling it efficiently to discharge its functions under this Act, the Central Government shall provide the Authority with such officers and other employees, and the Authority shall, subject to the rules as may be made by the Central Government in this behalf, appoint, whether on deputation or otherwise, such number of officers and other employees as it may deem necessary.

(2) The salaries and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of, the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of the Authority, shall be such as may be prescribed.

4H. Salaries, allowances, etc., to be defrayed out of Consolidated Fund of India.—The salaries and allowances payable to the Vice-Chairman and other Members of the Authority and the administrative expenses including the salaries, allowances and pensions payable to the officers and other employees of the Authority shall be defrayed out of the Consolidated Fund of India.

4-I. Power of Authority to make regulations.—(1) The Authority may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, make regulations, consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder, for carrying out the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) Every regulation made by the Authority under this Chapter shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the regulation or both Houses agree that the regulation should not be made, the regulation shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however,

that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that regulation.]

CHAPTER III

COMMISSIONERS OF RAILWAY SAFETY

5. Appointment of Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety and Commissioners of Railway Safety.—The Central Government may appoint a person to be the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety and such other persons as it may consider necessary to be the Commissioners of Railway Safety.

6. Duties of Commissioner.—The Commissioner shall—

- (a) inspect any railway with a view to determine whether it is fit to be opened for the public carriage of passengers and report thereon to the Central Government as required by or under this Act;
- (b) make such periodical or other inspections of any railway or of any rolling stock used thereon as the Central Government may direct;
- (c) make an inquiry under this Act into the cause of any accident on a railway; and
- (d) discharge such other duties as are conferred on him by or under this Act.

7. Powers of Commissioner.—Subject to the control of the Central Government, the Commissioner, whenever it is necessary so to do for any of the purposes of this Act, may—

- (a) enter upon and inspect any railway or any rolling stock used thereon;
- (b) by order in writing addressed to a railway administration, require the attendance before him of any railway servant and to require answers or returns to such inquiries as he thinks fit to make from such railway servant or from the railway administration; and
- (c) require the production of any book, document or material object belonging to or in the possession or control of any railway administration which appears to him to be necessary to inspect.

8. Commissioner to be public servant.—The Commissioner shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

9. Facilities to be afforded to Commissioners.—A railway administration shall afford to the Commissioner all reasonable facilities for the discharge of the duties or for the exercise of the powers imposed or conferred on him by or under this Act.

10. Annual report of Commissioners.—The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety shall prepare in each financial year an annual report giving a full account of the activities of the Commissioners during the financial year immediately preceding the financial year in which such report is prepared and forward, before such date as may be specified by the Central Government, copies thereof to the Central Government, and that Government shall cause that report to be laid, as soon as may be, after its receipt before each House of Parliament.

CHAPTER IV

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF WORKS

11. Power of railway administrations to execute all necessary works.—Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, but subject to the provisions of this Act and the provisions of any law for the acquisition of land for a public purpose or for companies, and subject also, in the case of a non-Government railway, to the provisions of any contract between the non-Government railway and the Central Government, a railway administration may, for the purposes of constructing or maintaining a railway—

- (a) make or construct in or upon, across, under or over any lands, or any streets, hills, valleys, roads, railway, tramways, or any rivers, canals, brooks, streams or other waters, or any drains, water-pipes, gas-pipes, oil-pipes, sewers, electric supply lines, or telegraph lines, such temporary or permanent inclined-planes, bridges, tunnels, culverts, embankments, aqueducts, bridges, roads, lines of

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rail, ways, passages, conduits, drains, piers, cuttings and fences, in-take wells, tube wells, dams, river training and protection works as it thinks proper;

(b) alter the course of any rivers, brooks, streams or other water courses, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining tunnels, bridges, passages or other works over or under them and divert or alter either temporarily or permanently, the course of any rivers, brooks, streams or other water courses or any roads, streets or ways, or raise or sink the level thereof, in order to carry them more conveniently over or under or by the side of the railway;

(c) make drains or conduits into, through or under any lands adjoining the railway for the purpose of conveying water from or to the railway;

(d) erect and construct such houses, warehouses, offices and other buildings, and such yards, stations, wharves, engines, machinery apparatus and other works and conveniences as the railway administration thinks proper;

¹[(da) developing any railway land for commercial use;]

(e) alter, repair or discontinue such buildings, works and conveniences as aforesaid or any of them and substitute others in their stead;

(f) erect, operate, maintain or repair any telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the working of the railway;

(g) erect, operate, maintain or repair any electric traction equipment, power supply and distribution installation in connection with the working of the railway; and

(h) do all other acts necessary for making, maintaining, altering or repairing and using the railway.

12. Power to alter the position of pipe, electric supply line, drain or sewer, etc.—(1) A railway administration may, for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred on it by this Act, alter the position of any pipe for the supply of gas, water, oil or compressed air, or the position of any electric supply line, drain or sewer:

Provided that before altering the position of any such pipe, electric supply line, drain or sewer, the railway administration shall give a notice indicating the time at which the work of such alteration shall commence, to the local authority or other person having control over the pipe, electric supply line, drain or sewer.

(2) The railway administration shall execute the work referred to in sub-section (1) to the reasonable satisfaction of the local authority or the person receiving the notice under the proviso to sub-section (1).

13. Protection for Government property.—Nothing in sections 11 and 12 shall authorise—

(a) a railway administration of the Government railway to do anything on or to any works, lands or buildings vested in, or in the possession of, a State Government without the consent of that Government; and

(b) a railway administration of a non-Government railway to do anything on or to any works, lands or buildings vested in, or in the possession of, the Central Government or a State Government, without the consent of the Government concerned.

14. Temporary entry, upon land to remove obstruction, to repair or to prevent accident.—(1) Where in the opinion of a railway administration—

(a) there is imminent danger that any tree, post or structure may fall on the railway so as to obstruct the movement of rolling stock; or

(b) any tree, post, structure or light obstructs the view of any signal provided for movement of rolling stock; or

1. Ins. by Act 47 of 2005, s. 4 (w.e.f. 30-6-2006).