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Sub.: Implementation of Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified by DoT, by Ministry of Railways – Guidelines regarding installation of telecommunications infrastructure on Railway premises

Ref.: Board's letter No.2003/Tele/RCIL/1Pt.(Contd.)(3332182), dated 19.12.2022

Guidelines regarding installation of telecommunications infrastructure on Railway land and buildings by facility providers were issued vide Board's letter under reference.

In order to align the said policy with the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, subsequently notified by the Department of Telecommunications, the aforesaid guidelines are hereby amended to the extent as under:

Existing Provision [Para 2(ii) of Board's letter under reference]	Amended Provision [Para 2(ii) of Board's letter under reference]
To help the growth of 5G in the country, licensing of Railway land for towers to entities other than RailTel may also be permitted by Divisions. Divisions can also permit Pole mounts/small cells in railways offices/stations in accordance with Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2022.	To help the growth of 5G in the country, licensing of Railway land for towers to entities other than RailTel may also be permitted by Divisions. Divisions can also permit Telecom Lines for Railway purposes/Pole mounts and small cells in railway premises in accordance with the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 and Railway Board's Master Circular on "Policy for Management of Railway Land" dated 04.10.2022.

The remaining provisions of the guidelines shall continue to apply as stipulated vide Board's letter dated 19.12.2022 referred to above.

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No.2003/Tele/RCIL/1Pt.(Contd.)(3332182)

Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated:19.12.2022

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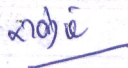
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Sub.: Policy regarding installation of telecom infrastructure on Railway land and buildings reg.

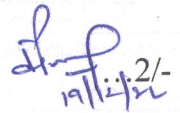
Detailed guidelines on 'Policy for Management of Railway Land' superseding all previous policies/guidelines/instructions on the subject of lease/licence/Way Leave (RoW) has been issued vide Board's letter No.2021/LML/25/5 dated 04.10.2022. As a consequence of revision of Railway land usage policy, it has become necessary to revise the existing policy regarding installation of Pole mounts/Towers by RCIL on Railway land and building etc. issued vide Board's letter of even number dated 18.10.2016 (Telecom Circular No.1/2016).

2. Accordingly, in suppression to Telecom Circular 01/2016, the following guidelines for installation of telecom infrastructure on Railway land and buildings in alignment with the revised policy for management of Railway land are issued:

- i. Provision for 7% revenue share with RailTel is dispensed with for installation of new towers in terms of this policy letter. The license fee for all the new towers should be recovered as stipulated in Board's letter No.2021/LML/25/5 dtd 04.10.2022. For all the old towers installed on railway land, the revenue share mechanism shall remain same as it is.
- ii. To help the growth of 5G in the country, licensing of Railway land for towers to entities other than RailTel may also be permitted by Divisions. Divisions can also permit Pole mounts/small cells in railways offices/stations in accordance with Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2022.
- iii. While permitting land for towers at stations, division shall ensure the requirements of LTE and TCAS antennas/other anticipated future requirements of Railways is taken care of. It shall also ensure that the permissions are granted in a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory manner.

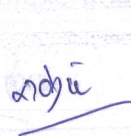
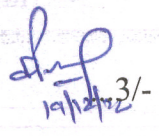




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- iv. Division should ensure that the agency permitted to install towers/pole mount gets regular third party safety audit done for the Pole mount/Towers constructed.
- v. The inventory of towers installed under these instructions should be kept separately and license fee should be recovered as stipulated in Board's letter No.2021/LML/25/5 dated 04.10.2022.
- vi. Towers proposed should be as per RDSO design/approved by RDSO. For installation of pole mounts, clearance from Engineering department only is required to be taken and no RDSO approval is required for the same. The pole's height, weight and other conditions will be in accordance with Railway Board's letter No.02/LML/13/12 dated 11.12.2006.
- vii. Underground cable, if any, to connect antenna(s) installed on the Pole mounts/Towers, shall be laid as per Railway Board's Telecom Circular No.17/2013.
- viii. The agency installing the Pole mount/towers shall bear the cost of electric power required for the operation of Telecom equipments associated with Pole mounts/Towers as per usual terms and conditions for such power supply connections.
- ix. Railway shall not bear any liability for theft, damage etc. of the assets belonging to the agency and installed along with the Pole mounts/Towers.
- x. The permitted agency shall give an undertaking that such space occupied for installation of Pole mounts/Towers shall be vacated/returned back, if required by Railways at a future date. A notice period of two months will be given during which the space occupied shall be vacated by the licensee. The usual license fee shall be payable by the licensee till the time the space is actually vacated.
- xi. Revenue share and Token license fee from this activity will be separately accounted under revenue head Z-242.
- xii. Permitted agencies will not be allowed advertisement rights or any other revenue generating activity on the Pole Mounts/Towers. However, Railways reserve the right to generate non fare revenue from these Pole Mounts/Towers in a manner as deemed fit by Railway Administration.
- xiii. Towers installed in Railway premises shall be maintained by the permitted agencies as per the extant instructions issued by Railways as revised from time to time.

3. The above instructions will be effective from the date of issue of this letter.



19/12/23

4. This issues with the concurrence of Land Management and Finance Directorates of the Ministry of Railways.

Executive Director (L&A)
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New Delhi, Dated:19.12.2022

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