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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways

Sub: Land acquisition for Railway Projects in tunneling portion

With expansion of Railways in hilly and inaccessible regions, tunneling lengths are major portions in many projects. Issue of land acquisition for tunneling portion has been raised several times. Engineering Code Para 819 mentions about the land acquisition in the tunnel portion.

It has been observed that for different projects in different Zonal Railways, uniform practice of land acquisition is not being followed.

In order to maintain uniformity over different Zonal Railways, following guidelines are to be followed regarding land acquisition near tunnels:

i) No land acquisition over tunnels except at the entrances to the tunnels i.e. portals and for any adits/shafts which may be required for facilitation of rate of construction or for provision of safety features.

ii) For geologically unstable regions, where there are chances of cave-ins during tunneling/excavations and also at locations of low over burdens - the land acquisition may be resorted to on case to case basis by Zonal Railways based on practical considerations.

This has the approval of Board (ME).

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