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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Elimination of Level Crossings from New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects.

Ref: Railway Board’s letter 2006/CE-IV/LX/WP/1 dated 09/01/2012.

Railway Board’s guide-lines on above subject matter issued vide letter under reference have been subjected to different interpretations by different Railways. Some of the Railways have construed the guide-lines as blanket instruction to eliminate all level crossing on New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects, despite para 5 (ii) of the letter unequivocally stating that the Railway shall plan elimination of level crossing both manned and unmanned by most cost effective option to the maximum possible extent.

It has been observed that Railways are finalizing L-Section of the project with primary objective of eliminating the level crossings which has resulted in astronomical increase in the cost of the project on account of increase in areas of land to be acquired, quantity of earthwork, increase in barrel of the bridges etc. Given the current financial crunch which Indian Railways is facing it has become imperative to give primacy to economy of cost of construction.

In view of the above, following guide lines should be followed:-

1. Railway Board’s letter under reference shall be applicable to projects whose abstract estimates have been prepared after 9.1.12.
2. In case of the projects sanctioned prior to 9.1.12, elimination of level crossings should not be the guiding criteria in finalizing of L section. In
normal course of finalization of L-section, if adequate height of bank (say 1.5 to 2 M.) is available or is obtained by minor raising of the formation level without significant increase in the area of land and quantity of earthwork, L-Xing can be planned for elimination by LHS.

3. The guide lines enumerated in para (2) above should also be followed for the projects sanctioned after 9.1.12 with broad objective of keeping the project’s cost to bare minimum.

4. Other level crossing can be planned for elimination by getting separate works sanctioned under relevant Plan Head as per extant instruction in vogue.

This issues with the approval of Board (ME)

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