GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Elimination of level crossings from New Line, Gauge conversion and Doubling Projects.

Railways have been directed vide Railway Board’s letter no. 2008/CE/LX/Target/2010-11 dated 14.03.2011 to eliminate all unmanned level crossings in the next five years i.e. by March’2015, in compliance to the Budget Pronouncement 2010-11 and Indian Railway Vision-2020. Through the Budget Speech 2011-12, Hon’ble MR has given commitment in the Parliament to eliminate 2500 unmanned level crossings & provide 325 subways in 2011-12. These targets can be achieved provided unmanned level crossings of NG, MG and Doubling sections are also eliminated along with the Project Works.

However, it is learnt that the Open-line and Construction Organizations are not working in harmony on the issue of elimination of unmanned LC gates, falling on Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections. In view of extant policy on the subject matter, Railways must plan elimination of all unmanned level crossings of MG & NG lines and Doubling sections along with sanctioned Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects. Elimination should be planned with subways, diversion road, etc. if technically feasible, otherwise infrastructure for manning should be completed by the Construction Organization, for which relevant sanctions and manpower shall be provided by the Open-line.

In this regard, Railways should inform Board about the status of sanction of subway, diversion road and manning works in lieu of unmanned level crossings of ongoing GC & DL sections, after having one round of coordination meeting between the Open line and Construction Organizations. In case, such provisions do not exist in the Construction Estimate(s), Open line should get the same sanctioned within the next three months under GM’s Power for which necessary powers have already been delegated.

This issues with the approval of Member Engineering.

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