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रेल मंत्रालय / MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

रेलवे बोर्ड / RAILWAY BOARD

No. 25020/1/2020-Tele (3316561)

Dated: 27.01.2021

General Manager,
All Zonal Railways

Sub: - Provision of VPN connections for access of E-office in Zonal Railways

Ref: - RailTel letter No. RCIL-COOPROJ(EOFF)/1/2019 dtd:19.10.2020.

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During the Covid-19 pandemic, VPN(Virtual Private Network) connections are required by Zonal Railways for access of E-office for Railway Officials not having Railnet at their residences. The matter has been considered by Board and following has been approved by Board(Member Infra):

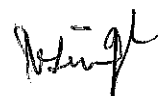
(i) S&T department will be the nodal department for issuing of VPNs with the concurrence of associate finance. Request for VPN shall be submitted to S&T department with the approval of officer not below the SAG level or Branch Officer at Division level.

(ii) Zonal Railways are advised to review the VPN connections already taken from RCIL(other than those provided by RCIL as part of E-Office Work with no additional charges) and try to reduce the number of VPN connections in view of eased guidelines for working during the pandemic. Further any new VPN connection should be processed only after due diligence. Efforts should be made to shift the existing VPNs after expiry of already placed order through own resources as detailed in Para (iii) below.

(iii) Zonal Railways are also advised to explore their own resources for provision of VPN connections available through existing licenses of firewall before placing orders for further VPNs. Telecom Directorate at Railway Board can also cater to limited requirement of VPNs for Zonal Railways.

(iv) Reduction in charges per VPN per year from ₹ 2500 (excluding GST) as below

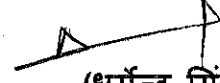
S.No.	VPN service	Unit cost (excluding GST which is to be payable quarterly)
1.	For One Year or More	₹ 2,000/-
2.	For Six Months	₹ 1,600/-
3.	For Quarterly (3 months)	₹ 1,000/-



One time configuration charges @₹ 250/-(excluding GST) per VPN connection will be charged additionally. Zonal Railways may revise the Purchase Orders already issued, accordingly. This will be effective from the date of existing VPN connection taken.

(v) RCIL to certify that VPN services charged to Railways is not possible and not purchased in the system provided in the e-office and other works of Railways.

(vi) VPN arrangement taken on chargeable basis will cease to exist on 31.03.2021 unless extended by Board.


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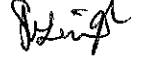
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For Member (Finance)

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