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**The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.**

Sub: Instructions for incorporating the JPO, Circular etc. provisions in the Tender Document for all Works requiring digging work close to Railway signaling, telecom, electrical etc. cables

Ref: (i) No.2010/Tele/3(5)/1 Pt (3346793) New Delhi dated 29.09.22
(ii) Telecom Circular 17/2013 containing JPO for undertaking digging work in vicinity of Cables

Due to increase in cable cuts, a letter dated 29.09.22 under reference (i) above was written by Member-(Infra) to all GMs advising the following:

- i. Zonal Railways to take necessary steps to ensure strict compliance of JPO for undertaking any digging work in the vicinity of cables.
- ii. Proper coordination among various departments undertaking any work near/along the track.
- iii. Provision of utility relocation in the estimates and if the same is not existing, then the use of contingency provision for utility shifting/protection, apart from ensuring that the updated cable route plan are available and the marking of cable zone at sight is given before undertaking the work.

Further during Oral Evidence before PAC for one of the audit paras regarding recovery of penalty over SER and WCR for cable cut cases, PAC has taken a serious view of non implementation of JPO Provisions by Zonal Railways.

In view of above, it is advised that the provisions contained in circulars, JPOs regarding penalties should be included in all the Tender Documents for Works requiring digging close to Railway signaling, telecom, electrical etc. cables so as to bind them legally for ensuring recoveries from them.

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