

**BHARAT SARKAR GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAILWAY BAORD (RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2017/Tele/11(2)/1(Pt)

New Delhi, Dated 28/10/2021

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In continuation to the above referred letter dt. 28.10.2021, following addition, as suggested by L&A Directorate, has been made as last line of Para-3 of the referred letter, regarding the removal of CoWs.

"These alternate arrangements shall be completed within 6 months of issue of this letter and after that all CoWs shall be removed"

Other contents of the letter remain unchanged.


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Ref: i) Railway Board letter No.2017/Tele/11(2)/1 Pt (3227384) Dated 14.12.2018(Copy enclosed).

(ii) RCIL Minutes No. RCIL-Coo1TP(ITP)/5/2021- O/o JGM/ITP(TECH)/CO/RCIL dated 16.07.21.

(iii) Railway Board letter No.2017/Tele/11(2)/1 Pt (3227384) Dated 04.03.2020(Copy enclosed).

Vide reference (i), Zonal Railways were authorized to get Cell On Wheels(CoWs) installed as an interim measure to improve CUG Mobile signal strength at Railway premises and along the track, with the approval of DRMs. As per Para-3 of the letter referred necessary charges for space (land licensing charges) and electricity were to be recovered from Telecom Service Provider as per existing policy. However, it has been observed that in some cases the necessary charges are yet to be billed and in some cases where bills have been raised, payment has not been made by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. Vide letter dated 04-03-2020 referred at (iii), M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd was also advised to take necessary action for replacing the CoWs by regular Pole/Mount towers. However the action to be taken is still awaited.

In a meeting held with M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd and RCIL on dated 02.07.21 regarding various issues related to CUG for payment towards CoWs installed, representative of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd was also asked to submit list of CoWs (Zone wise and Division wise) installed as per Railway Board letter referred at (i) along with details of Payment made to Railways towards Land license fee and Electricity charges within a week. The same is still awaited. It is expected that the Railways are recovering the dues from M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd for the CoWs installed/being used by them in Railway area.


If the same is not materializing, in order to safeguard Railways' interest regarding realization/recovery of due charges towards land licensing (similar to Railtel for open area vide Railway Board letter dated 05.10.2006 recommended) and Electricity in respect of CoWs installed, it is advised that suitable/equivalent amount be withheld from CUG bills & may be released after ensuring that all dues towards Land license fee and Electricity charges in relation to CoWs are paid by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd to Railways. Further these CoWs are to be removed as soon as alternate arrangements have been made.

Railways are advised to ensure compliance of above.

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RCIL is advised to intimate the same to M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd and ensure that payment of dues by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd are made by them towards Land license fee and Electricity charges for the COWs installed.

This issues with the concurrence of L&A, Electrical and Finance Directorates of Railway Board.


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