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**The General Manager,
All Zonal Railways**

**Sub.: Procedure for undertaking digging work in the vicinity of Railway cables –
formulation of local JPOs reg.**

Ref.: Telecom Circular No.09/2023 dated 12.06.2023

The incidents of cable cuts owing to works requiring digging in the vicinity of Railway cables and non-recovery of penalties from erring agencies responsible for cable cuts is being examined by the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament. The Committee has been critical of ineffective implementation of existing instructions leading to cable cuts and non-recovery of penalties in this regard. The revised policy circular subsequently issued vide Board's letter of even number dated 12.06.2023 (Telecom Circular-09/2023) incorporates broad guidelines for undertaking works in the vicinity of Railway cables along with quantum of penalties to be imposed for cable cuts involving various types of cables. Though Zonal Railways were advised to issue local JPOs based on these guidelines duly incorporating local conditions expeditiously, it is noted that the progress on this account is slow.

Zonal Railways are advised to expedite the implementation of Board's guidelines on the subject by issuing local JPO latest by 30.10.2023 and ensuring that the local JPO becomes part of tender documents being processed in the Railway. Compliance of same may be submitted at dtele@rb.railnet.gov.in and sotele@rb.railnet.gov.in.

This issues with the concurrence of Engineering and Works Directorates of Railway Board.

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