

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highway
(Road Safety Engineering)
Transport Bhavan, 1, Parliament street, New Delhi – 110 001

No. RW/NH-33044/29/2015-S&R(R)

Dated: 29th July 2022

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/UTs
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
3. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
4. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110 010.
5. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001
7. All CE-ROs, ROs, ELOs and PIUs of the Ministry.

Sub: -Accommodation of Public and Industrial Utility Services along and across National Highways- Policy guidelines; Clarifications regarding OFC/Telecom cables.

Sir,

Following clarifications/amendments are issued herewith with reference to Ministry's policy circular no RW/NH-33044/29/2015-S&R(R) dated 22.11.2016 regarding permission for laying of underground OFC/telecom cables in NH ROW with immediate effect:

Clause of circular dated 22.11.2016	Existing provision	Clarification/Amendments
4	Any person who intends to obtain permission shall make an application online in the prescribed form to Highway Administration or an officer authorized by Highway Administration on his behalf. The application must mention details the various safety clearances from the respective authorities such as Directorate of Electricity, Chief Controller of Explosives, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization, Oil Industry Safety Directorate, State/Central Pollution	For OFC/Telecom cables laying applications, the need of mentioning various safety clearances are dispensed with. The application shall mention details regarding license from telecom authorities only.

	Control Board and any other statutory clearances as applicable, which must be obtained by the Applicant before applying to the Highway Administration.	
4	The application shall be put out in the public domain for 30 days for seeking claims and objections (on grounds of public inconvenience, safety and general public interest). The permission for laying utility services is to be normally granted within 30 days from the day of closure of public objections and claims. If no communication is received from the Highway Administration within 30 days from the day of closure of public objections and claims, the permission shall be deemed to be granted.	For laying underground OFC/Telecom cables in NH RoW, the need for putting applications in public domain is dispensed with. Hence applications for OFC/Telecom cables to be processed expeditiously and approval must be given within 30 days.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours Faithfully

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29.07.22

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