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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Ropeway Cell)
Parivahan Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110 001

Dated: June 19, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: National Framework for Technical Codes, Certifications, Commissioning and Safety Audits of Ropeways Systems.

Considering the rapidly expanding Ropeways sector as a means of transportation and mobility and the need to coordinate the growth of Ropeways Systems, including its components such as ropes, grips, gondolas, drive systems, instrumentation systems, sensors and automation of such systems, there is a need to establish an institutional structure for the setting and coordination of technical standards, certifications, processes, audit and coordination amongst State and Union Territory Governments with primary focus on public safety.

Recognising this need, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways hereby establishes the **Empowered Committee for Ropeways Technical Evaluation, Certification and Safety (EC-Rope-TECS)** which shall be the empowered Committee to establish and recognise technical codes and standards suited to national requirements, certification systems for Ropeways and its components, commissioning requirements, safety standards, periodic inspections and audits besides technical investigations in case of an incident affecting public safety in the construction, operations or maintenance of Ropeways Systems.

2. The composition of the **Empowered Committee for Ropeways Technical Evaluation Certification and Safety (EC-Rope-TECS)** will be as under:

i	Director General (Road Development & Special Secretary)	Chairman
ii	Chief Engineer from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways with knowledge of ropeways systems	Member
iii	Head of the Department of the Bureau of Indian Standards dealing with the issue of Ropeways Standards	Member
iv	Technical Representatives from three States or Union Territories having significant experience in implementation of ropeways systems to be nominated by the Central Government	Members
v	Three experts from institutions of national importance with knowledge of ropeways systems to be nominated by the Central Government	Members
vi	Four experts from industry with significant experience in implementation of ropeways systems to be nominated by the Central Government	Member
vii	Commissioner of Ropeways Systems Safety	Member

The EC-Rope-TECS may, if it so deems fit, invite independent experts including from international technical bodies to its deliberations.

3. **The Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS)** is hereby designated *ex-officio* as **the Commissioner of Ropeways Systems Safety** (CRSS) for the safety audit of Ropeways to be established by or on behalf of or with the partnership of the Central Government or any Central Public Sector Enterprise.

4. The Secretariat for the EC-Rope-TECS shall be housed in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. National Highways Logistics Management Ltd. (NHLML) shall provide all necessary administrative and secretarial assistance for the functioning of the EC-Rope-TECS or the safety audits of Ropeways Systems to be conducted by or behalf of the **Commissioner of Ropeways Systems Safety**.

5. This issues with approval of competent authority.

(V K Joshi)

Superintending Engineer (BP&SP and Highway Administration Cell)

To,

- (i) Chief Secretary of all States/UTs
- (ii) Chairman, NHLML
- (iii) Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- (iv) Director General, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- (v) Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety

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