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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-I0, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Accommodation of Public and Industrial Utility Services along and across National Highways - Policy guidelines regarding.

Sir,

The Government has realized that development of infrastructure across the Country on a sustainable and integrated manner continues to be an imperative for improving the state of economy, enhancing quality of life of the citizens and ensuring equitable development throughout the country.

Land being among the most precious of natural resources available, optimum utilization of land shall play a critical role in integrated development of infrastructure. One of the ways to effect such optimum utilization is leveraging land within National Highway (NH) Right of Way (ROW) for laying utility services. This may be achieved through granting permissions for laying utility services along and /or across the ROW. However, environment and safety of the road users are the prime factors in deciding permission for utility services. Permission may be denied, if it is not feasible to ensure safety and environment through requisite safeguards. The Administration of ROW, has been defined in the National Highway Land and traffic Control Act 2002 and relevant Rules 2004.

Keeping in view the need for consistency and clarity, in supersession of all the instructions contained in the earlier previous circulars on the subject, following guidelines shall apply for accommodation of Utility Services along and across National Highways.

2. Laying of Utility Services along the National Highways:

- 2.1 There shall be a provision for utility ducts for appropriate categories/combination of utilities in the construction of new/4-6 laning of National Highways. The ducts shall be located at appropriate location preferably as close to the extreme edge of ROW.
- 2.2 Utility services shall be laid in the utility ducts, if provided for the purpose.
- 2.3 In stretches where utility ducts have not been provided, the utility services shall be located, beyond the toe line of the embankment and drains, as close to the extreme edge of the RoW as possible. While granting permission, requirement of up-gradation also needs to be kept in view.

¹- [Supersedes all earlier guidelines](#)

2.4 It is to be ensured that at no time there is interference with the drainage of the road land and maintenance of the National Highways. Towards this, the top of the utility services shall be at least 0.6 metre below the ground level.

2.5 No utility service shall be laid over existing culverts and bridges except through the utility ducts where such provision exists. In case of absence of such provisions, the Licensee shall make his own arrangement for crossing of cross drainage structure, rivers, etc. below the bed.

2.6 In exceptional cases, where ROW is restricted the utility services can be allowed beneath the carriageway of service road, subject to the condition that the utility services be laid in concrete ducts, which will be designed to carry traffic on top. The width of the duct in such case shall not be less than one lane. In such cases, it also needs to be ensured that maintenance of the utility services shall not interfere with the safe and smooth flow of traffic. The cost of operation and maintenance will have to be borne by the Licensee as per the agreement.

2.7 ¹ [It is reiterated that wherever, space for utility duct/utility corridor is provisioned, utilities are to be provided/allowed through that space only.]

3. Laying of Utility Services across the National Highway:

3.1 ² ~~[The utility services shall be permitted to cross the National Highway either through structure or conduits specially built for that purpose. The casing /conduit pipe should, as minimum, extend from drain to drain in cuts and toe of slope to toe of slope in the fills and shall be designed in accordance with the provision of IRC and executed following the Specifications of the Ministry.]~~ [The utility services shall normally be permitted to cross the National Highway either through structure or conduits specially built for that purpose. The casing/ conduit pipe should, as minimum, extend from drain to drain in cuts and toe of slope to toe of slope in the fills and shall be designed in accordance with the provision of IRC and executed following the Specifications of the Ministry. Alternatively, for crossing of NH by pipeline for petroleum products, Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method may be used without casing/ conduit pipe following the safety precautions and Codes as given in Annexure II.]

3.2 Existing drainage structures shall not be allowed to carry the lines across.

3.3 The utility services shall cross the National Highway preferably on a line normal to it or as nearly so as practicable.

3.4 The casing/conduit pipe may be installed under the road embankment either by boring or digging a trench. Installation by boring method shall be preferred.

3.5 In case of trenching, the sides of the trench should be done as nearly vertical as possible. The trench width should be at least 30 cm wider, (but not more than 60 cm wider), than the outer diameter of the utility pipe. Filling of the trench shall conform to the specifications contained here-in-below or as supplied by the Highway Authority.

3.5.1 Bedding shall be to a depth not less than 30 cm. It shall consist of granular material, free of lumps, clods and cobbles, and graded to yield a firm surface without sudden change in the bearing value. Unsuitable soil and rock edges should be excavated and replaced by selected material.

3.5.2 The backfill shall be completed in two stages (i) Side-fill to the level of the top of the pipe (ii) Overfill to the bottom of the road crust.

3.5.3 The side fill shall consist of granular material laid in 15 cm. Layers each consolidated by mechanical tamping and controlled addition of moisture to 95% of the modified Proctor's density. Overfill shall be compacted to the same density as the material that had been removed. Consolidation by saturation or ponding will not be permitted.

3.5.4 The road crust shall be built to the same strength as the existing crust on either side of the trench or to thickness and specifications stipulated by the Highway Authority.

3.6 When utilities are allowed overhead, the horizontal and vertical clearance in accordance with the IRC shall be maintained.

¹-Amended vide circular dated 27.12.2009

²-Amended vide circular dated 17.04.2023

4. Procedure for processing application for granting permission for use of highway land: 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 Control Board and any other statutory clearances as applicable, which must be obtained by the Applicant before applying to the Highway Administration.

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. The initial permission would be valid for a maximum of 5 years at a time, which can thereafter be considered for renewal. On payment of additional fee at the time of renewal, the permission shall automatically be renewed, unless defaults exist. In case of renewal, rate prevailing at the time of renewal shall be charged.

5. **Charges for granting licence for use of highway land:** ¹ [~~For the purpose of license fee/lease rentals, the utilities have been divided into two categories; i) Public utilities and b) Industrial utilities as per the details given in Annexure I.~~ License Fee/lease rentals described below is for Industrial utilities. The license fee for Public utilities shall be 33% of the fee prescribed for Industrial utilities.] [For the purpose of license fee/ lease rentals, the utilities have been divided into two categories: i) Public utilities and b) Industrial utilities as per the details given in Annexure I.]

⁵⁻¹ [~~The following methodology shall be followed for license fees/lease rental determination for utility service lines other than localized infrastructure facilities like towers, repeaters and junction boxes):~~

License Fees (Rs/sq m/ month) = (Utilized NH land area X prevailing Circle Rate of land per unit area) / (10 x 12) where,

~~Utilized NH land area = Outer diameter/width of the concerned utility line X length]~~

[License Fee for Industrial Utilities shall be equal to the utilized NH land area X Prevailing Circle rate of land per unit area X 10% per annum.

Utilized NH land area shall include projection of utility on ground including area of support system/ tower.

License fee for total term of license (upto maximum of 5 years) shall be deposited in advance.]

⁵⁻² [~~The following methodology shall be followed for license fees/lease rental determination for utility services such as towers/repeaters/ junction boxes etc.~~

License Fees (Rs/sq m/ month) = (Utilized NH land area X prevailing Circle Rate of land per unit area) / (10 x 12) where,

~~Utilized NH land area = Projection of utility on the ground including area of support system/tower However, for public utilities, area below the support system/tower shall only be charged.]~~

[License Fee for public utility shall be equal to utilized NH land area X Prevailing Circle Rate of land per unit area X 1.5% per annum, subject to minimum of Rs. 10,000/- with 6 % annual increment.

Utilized NH land area shall include area of support system / tower but not include projection of utility on ground.

There shall be no license fee for OFC cables crossing the NH through HDD method.

License fee for total term of license (up to maximum of 5 years) shall be deposited in advance.]

^{5.3} Fee shall have to be paid in advance for the period for which permission is granted. In case of renewal, rate prevailing at the time of renewal shall be charged. Delay in deposition of fee shall attract interest @ 15% per annum compounded annually.

5.4 A system to redress grievances and to consider relaxation from the guidelines, in exceptional cases, shall be notified separately and shall be effective from the date of notification.

6. All required restoration, maintenance work subsequent to laying of utility services shall be required to be undertaken by the Licensee at its cost either by itself or through its authorized representative in consultation with the Authority as per predetermined time schedule and quality standards. To process for the granting of permission and prior to signing of Lease agreement, a Performance Bank Guarantee for an amount based on per route metre with a validity of one year initially, in the prescribed format (extendable if required till satisfactory completion of work) shall have to be furnished by the utility service provider/ Licensee, as a security against improper restoration of ground in terms of

filling/unsatisfactory compaction damages caused to other underground installations/utility services & interference, interruption, disruption or failure caused thereof to any services etc.;

Utility services such as pipes etc (rate in per m)

provided in the ducts already provided	Rs 50
<= 300 mm dia/width	Rs 100
> 300 mm dia/width but <= 1000 mm	Rs 250
> 1000 mm	Rs 500
Utility services such as towers etc (rate in Rs per sq m)	Rs 100

In case the Licensee fails to discharge the obligation of making good of the excavated trench/other restoration work, the Authority shall have a right to make good the damages caused by excavation, at the cost of the Licensee and recover the amount by forfeiture of the Bank Guarantee. In case, the Performance Bank Guarantee is invoked as mentioned above, the Licensee shall be required to replenish and reinstate the required Performance Bank Guarantee within one month of such invoking.

Notwithstanding this, the Licensee shall be liable to pay full compensation to the aggrieved Authority/ its designated agency for any damage sustained by them by reason of the exercise of the RoW facility.

7. The Authority shall enter into a License Agreement with the respective utility service provider in the format enclosed (Appendix) including any other conditions imposed by Highway Administration, to ensure safe and uninterrupted flow of traffic. Post signing of the agreement, the utility service provider shall be designated as 'Licensee' for the purpose of this project and will be authorized to install and operate utility services within the NH RoW. However, utility services shall be made operational by the Licensee only after a completion certificate to the effect is issued by the Highway Administration.

Encls: As above.

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slope in the fills and shall be designed in accordance with the provision of IRC and
Public Utility provider and Industrial infrastructure

A. Public Utility Provider

A **Public Utility Provider** in context of this Guideline shall mean any organization that provides and maintains the infrastructure for a public service like electricity, gas, water supply, telecom cables and sewage disposal subject to applicable regulation.

B. Eligible activities for Industrial Units or 'Industrial Infrastructure'

Industrial Infrastructure in context of this Guideline shall mean any physical infrastructure that is required to facilitate industrial operations and is constructed, operated and maintained along/across Right of Way of National Highways. Such infrastructure shall include the following:

- a. Underground & above ground pipelines including provisions for booster pumping facilities, maintenance bays and other required support infrastructure for transport of legally permitted materials for industrial usage by a business entity having valid license for industrial operations.
 - b. Conveyor Belts including provisions for maintenance bays and other required support infrastructure for transport of legally permitted materials, by a business entity having valid license for industrial operations.
 - c. Power cables/wires etc. meant for industrial usage by a business entity having valid license for industrial operations.
 - d. Any other such associated industrial infrastructure facility.
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A. Codes/ publications for guidance on design of Horizontal Directional Drilling crossing for Petroleum Pipelines

- a) Oil Industry Safety Directorate Code: IOSD Code-141.
- b) American Gas Association PR-227-9424 "Installation of Pipelines by Horizontal Directional Drilling an Engineering Design Guide".
- c) American Society of Civil Engineering Practice No.89 - "Pipeline Crossings Handbook".
- d) Directional Crossing Contractors Association publications "Guidelines for a Successful Directional Crossing Bid Package", "Directional Crossing Survey Standards" and "Guidelines for Successful Mid-Sized Directional Drilling Projects."

B. Safety precautions and plan to be submitted along with the proposal for HDD crossings:

- a) Before taking up the HDD work, area to be scanned by suitable methods like GPR to locate all underground utilities. Accordingly, crossing plan and profile drawings to be developed showing all pipelines, utilities, cables and structures that cross the drill path, are parallel to and within 30m of the drill path and that are within 30m of the drilling operation, including mud pits and bore pits.
- b) Damage prevention plan to reduce or avoid the likelihood of damage to adjacent underground facilities, including pipelines, utilities, cables and other subsurface structures considering the accuracy of the method in locating existing structures and in tracking the position of the pilot string during drilling. Consideration should be given to having an auxiliary location system to include manual excavation to ensure that the drilling bit or reamer is following the projected path and does not encroach upon crossing or parallel lines. The damage prevention plan should include provision for sending notification to all affected parties.
- c) Safety plan to include contingency plans in the event the drilling string impacts subsurface facilities and identify facilities and resources to be utilized in the event of an emergency or any personnel injuries. The safety plan shall be reviewed on site with all construction personnel prior to the commencement of drilling operations.
- d) Plan for containment and disposal of drilling fluids, if used.
- e) Hydrostatic test plan that should consider pretesting of the fabricating string(s) prior to installing the crossing.
- f) Testing plan be agreed upon the measures like Cathodic protection, periodic inspection be outlined and Supplementary extra thickness of pipe be ensured to compensate for corrosion.

Pipeline laying agencies to submit annual certificates of inspection after laying

¹-Amended vide circular dated 17.04.2023


17/4/23

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Enclosure to Ministry of Road Transport & Highways letter No. 33044 / 29 / 2015
/S&R(R) dated 22.11.2016.

**AGREEMENT REGARDING GRANTING OF RIGHT OF WAY
PERMISSIONS**

FOR LAYING UTILITY SERVICES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Agreement to lay Telecom cable / OFC cable / electrical cable / pipe line/ ducts etc.
from _____ to _____ Km of _____ land.

This Agreement made this _____ day of _____ (month) _____ of
(year) between _____ acting in his executive capacity through _____
(hereinafter referred to as the "Authority" which expression shall unless excluded by or
repugnant to the context, include his successors in office and assigns) on the one part, and
M/s _____, a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its
Registered Office at _____ (hereinafter called the "Licensee") which expression shall
unless excluded by repugnant to the context, include his successors/administrator assignees
on the second part.

Whereas the Authority is responsible, inter-alia, for development and maintenance of
lands in Km to of NH No.....RoW.

Whereas the Licensee proposes to lay Telecom cable / OFC cable / electrical cable /
pipe line / ducts etc. referred to as utility services in subsequent paras.

Whereas the Licensee has applied to the Authority for permission to lay utility
services from Km _____ to Km _____ of road/route up to _____
and from km _____ to km _____ of road/route up to _____.

And whereas the Authority has agreed to grant such permission for way leave on the
NH RoW as per terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned.

Now this agreement witnesseth that in consideration of the conditions hereinafter
contained and on the part of the Licensee to be observed and performed, the Authority hereby
grants to the Licensee permission to lay utility services as per the approved drawing attached
hereto subject to the following conditions, namely.

1. RoW permissions are only enabling in nature. The purpose of extending the way
leave facility on the National Highway RoW is not for enhancing the scope of
activity of a utility service provider, either by content or by intent. Further,
enforceability of the permission so granted shall be restricted only to the extent of
provisions/scope of activities defined in the license agreement & for the purpose
for which it is granted.

2. No Licensee shall claim exclusive right on the RoW and any subsequent user will be permitted to use the RoW, either above or below, or by the side of the utilities laid by the first user, subject to technical requirements being fulfilled. Decision of the Authority in relation to fulfilment of technical requirements shall be final and binding on all concerned parties. In case any disruption/damage is caused to any existing user by the subsequent user, the Authority shall not be held accountable or liable in any manner.
3. The Licensee shall be responsible for undertaking all activities including, but not limited to site identification, survey, design, engineering, arranging finance, project management, obtaining regulatory approvals & necessary clearances, supply of equipment, material, construction, erection, testing and commissioning, maintenance and operation and all other activities essential or required for efficient functioning of their own utility/ industrial infrastructure facilities.
4. The Licensee shall pay license fees @ Rs/sq m/month to the Authority. The License fee shall become payable from the date of handing over of RoW land to the Licensee, for laying of utilities/cables/conduits/pipelines for infrastructure/ service provider. As regards Tariff and Terms and conditions for providing common utility ducts along National Highways, there shall be a separate agreement regime.
5. Fee shall have to be paid in advance for the period for which permission is granted for entering into a license agreement. In case of renewal, rate prevailing at the time of renewal shall be charged. Delay in deposition of fee shall attract interest @ 15% per annum compounded annually.
6. Present policy of the MoRT&H is to provide a 2.00 m wide utility corridor on either side of the extreme edge of RoW. In cases where utility ducts with sufficient space are already available along NH, the utility services shall be laid in such ducts subject to technical requirements being fulfilled.
7. The utility services shall be laid at the edge of the RoW. In case of restricted width of RoW, which may be adequate only to accommodate the carriageway, central verge, shoulders, slopes of embankment, drains, other road side furniture etc; the utility services shall be laid beyond the toe line of the embankments and clear of the drain.
8. The Licensee shall make his own arrangement for crossing of cross drainage structure, rivers, etc. below the bed. In case, this is not feasible, the utility services may be carried outside the railings/parapets and the bridge superstructure. The fixing and supporting arrangement with all details shall be required to be approved in advance from the concerned Highway Administration. Additional cost on account of fixing and supporting arrangement as assessed by the Authority shall be payable by the Licensee.

9. In exceptional cases, where RoW is restricted the utility services can be allowed beneath the carriageway of service road, if available, subject to the condition that the utility services be laid in concrete ducts, which will be designed to carry traffic on top. The width of the duct shall not be less than one lane. In such cases, it also needs to ensure that maintenance of the utility services shall not interfere with the safe and smooth flow of traffic. The cost of operation and maintenance will have to be borne by the Licensee.
10. It is to be ensured that at no time there is interference with the drainage of the road land and maintenance of the National Highways. Towards this, the top of the utility services shall be at least 0.6 metre below the ground level. However, any structure above ground shall be aesthetically provided for / landscaped with required safety measures as directed by the concerned Authority;
11. The utility services shall be permitted to cross the National Highway either through structure or conduits specially built for that purpose. The casing / conduit pipe should, as minimum, extend from drain to drain in cuts and toe of slope to toe of slope in the fills and shall be designed in accordance with the provision of IRC and executed following the Specifications of the Ministry.
12. Existing drainage structures shall not be allowed to carry the lines across.
13. The top of the casing/conduit pipe containing the utility services to cross the road shall be at least 1.2m below the top of the sub grade or the existing ground level whichever is lower, subject to being at least 0.3m below the drain inverts. A typical sketch showing the clearances is given in Attachment-I.
14. The utility services shall cross the National Highway preferable on a line normal to it or as nearly so as practicable.
15. The casing/conduit pipe for crossing the road may be installed under the road embankment either by boring or digging a trench. Installation by boring method shall be preferred.
16. In case of trenching, the sides of the trench should be done as nearly vertical as possible. The trench width should be at least 30 cm. but not more than 60 cms wider than the outer diameter of the pipe. Filling of the trench shall conform to the specifications contained here-in-below or as supplied by the Highway Authority.
 - a. Bedding shall be to a depth not less than 30 cm. It shall consist of granular material, free of lumps, clods and cobbles, and graded to yield a firm surface without sudden change in the bearing value. Unsuitable soil and rock edges should be excavated and replaced by selected material.

- b. The backfill shall be completed in two stages (i) Side-fill to the level of the top of the pipe (ii) Overfill to the bottom of the road crust.
 - c. The side fill shall consist of granular material laid in 15 cm. Layers each consolidated by mechanical tamping and controlled addition of moisture to 95% of the Proctor's Density. Overfill shall be compacted to the same density as the material that had been removed. Consolidation by saturation or ponding will not be permitted.
 - d. The road crust shall be built to the same strength as the existing crust on either side of the trench or to thickness and specifications stipulated by the Highway Authority.
17. The Licensee shall ensure making good the excavated trench for laying utility services by proper filling and compaction, so as to restore the land in to the same condition as it was before digging the trench, clearing debris/loose earth produced due to execution of trenching at least 50m away from the edge of the right of way;
18. All required restoration work subsequent to laying of the cable shall be required to be undertaken by the Licensee at its cost either by itself or through its authorized representative in consultation with the Authority as per predetermined time schedule and quality standards.
19. Prior to commencement of any work on the ground, a performance Bank Guarantee @ Rs. per route metre / Rs per sq m with a validity of one year initially (extendable if required till satisfactory completion of work) shall have to be furnished by the Licensee to the Authority/its designated agency as a security against improper restoration of ground in terms of filling/unsatisfactory compaction damages caused to other underground installations/utility services & interference, interruption, disruption or failure caused thereof to any services etc. In case of the Licensee failing to discharge the obligation of making good of the excavated trench/other restoration work, the Authority shall have a right to make good the damages caused by excavation, at the cost of the Licensee and recover the amount by forfeiture of the Bank Guarantee.
20. In case, the Performance Bank Guarantee is invoked as mentioned above, the Licensee shall be required to replenish and reinstate the required Performance Bank Guarantee within one month of such invoking. In case the work contemplated herein is not completed to the satisfaction of the Authority, which has granted the permission, within a period of 11 months from the date of issue of the Bank Guarantee, the Licensee shall either furnish a fresh guarantee or extend the guarantee for a further period of one year. Notwithstanding this, the Licensee shall be liable to pay full compensation to the aggrieved Authority/ its designated agency for any damage sustained by them by reason of the exercise of the RoW facility;

21. The Licensee shall shift the utility services within 90 days (or as specified by the respective Authority) from the date of issue of the notice by the concerned Authority to shift/relocate the utility services, in case it is so required for the purpose of improvement/widening of the road/route/highway or construction of flyover/bridge and restore the road/land to its original condition at his own cost and risk.
22. The Licensee shall be responsible to ascertain from the respective agency in co-ordination with Authority, regarding the location of other utilities /underground installations/ facilities etc. The Licensee shall ensure the safety and security of already existing underground installations/utilities/facilities etc. before commencement of the excavation/using the existing cable ducts. The Licensee shall procure insurance from a reputed insurance company against damages to already existing underground installations/utilities/facilities etc.
23. The Licensee shall be solely responsible/ liable for full compensation/indemnification of concerned agency / aggrieved Authority for any direct, indirect or consequential damage caused to them/claims or replacements sought for, at the cost and risk of the Licensee. The concerned agency in co-ordination with Authority shall also have a right make good such damages/ recover the claims by forfeiture of Bank Guarantee.
24. If the Licensee fails to comply with any condition to the satisfaction of the Authority, the same shall be executed by the Authority at the cost and risk of the Licensee.
25. Grant of License is subject to the Licensee satisfying (a) minimum disruption of traffic and (b) no damage to the highways. As far as possible, the Licensee should avoid cutting of the road for crossing highway, and other roads and try to carry out the work by trenchless technology. In case any damage is caused to the road pavement in this process, the Licensee will be required to restore the road to the original condition at its cost. If due to unavoidable reasons the road needs to be cut for crossing or laying utility services, the Licensee has to execute the restoration work in a time bound manner at its cost either by itself or through its authorized representative in consultation with the Authority as per predetermined time schedule and quality standards. In case of the Licensee failing to discharge the obligation of making good of the excavated trench/other restoration work, the Authority shall have a right to make good the damages caused by excavation, at the cost of the Licensee and recover the amount by forfeiture of the Bank Guarantee.
26. The Licensee shall inform/give a notice to the concerned agency designated by the Authority at least 15 day in advance with route details prior to digging trenches,

for fresh or maintenance/repair works. A separate performance Bank Guarantee for maintenance/repair works shall have to be furnished by the Licensee.

27. Each day, the extent of digging the trenches should be strictly regulated so that utility services is laid and trenches filled up before the close of the work that day. Filling should be completed to the satisfaction of the concerned agency designated by the Authority.
28. The licensee shall indemnify the concerned agency in co-ordination with Authority, against all damages and claims, if any due to the digging of trenches for laying cables/ducts.
29. The permission for laying utility services is granted maximum for 5 years at a time, which can thereafter be considered for renewal. On payment of additional fee at the time of renewal, the permission shall automatically be renewed, unless defaults exist. In case of renewal, rate prevailing at the time of renewal shall be charged. Delay in deposition of fee shall attract interest @ 15% per annum compounded annually.
30. The permission shall be valid only for the period it is issued and fee deposited. However, the Authority also has a right to terminate the permission or to extend the period of Agreement.
31. That the Licensee shall not undertake any work of shifting, repairs or alterations to the utility services without prior written permission of the concerned agency in co-ordination with the Authority.
32. The permission granted shall not in any way be deemed to convey to the Licensee any ownership right or any interest in route/road/highway land /property, other than what is herein expressly granted. No use of NH RoW will be permitted for any purpose other than that specified in the Agreement.
33. During the subsistence of this Agreement, the utility services located in highway land / property shall be deemed to have been constructed and continued only by the consent and permission of the Authority so that the right of the Licensee to the use thereof shall not become absolute and indefeasible by lapse of time.
34. The Licensee shall bear the Stamp Duty charged on this Agreement.
35. Three copies of 'as laid drawings' of utilities (hard and soft copies) with geo-tagged photographs and geo-tagged video recordings of laying of cables in the trench (with respect to the NH) and after complete restoration shall be submitted to the Authority for verification and record within a month of completion of works.
36. The Licensee shall allow free access to the Site at all times to the authorised representatives of Authority to inspect the Project Facilities and to investigate any

matter within their Authority, and upon reasonable notice, shall provide reasonable assistance necessary to carry out their respective duties and functions.

37. The utility services shall not be made operational by the Licensee unless a completion certificate to the effect that the utility services has been laid in accordance with the approved specifications and drawings and the trenches have been filled up to the satisfaction of the concerned agency in co-ordination with the Authority has been obtained. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this Agreement may be cancelled at any time by Authority for breach of any condition of the same and the Licensee shall neither be entitled to any compensation for any loss caused to it by such cancellation nor shall it be absolved from any liability already incurred.
38. The Licensee shall ensure adherence to relevant Indian standards and follow best industry practices, methods and standards for the purpose of ensuring the safe, efficient and economic design, construction, commissioning, operation, repair and maintenance of any part of the utility lines/industrial infrastructure facilities and which practices, methods and standards shall be adjusted as necessary, to take account of:
 - a. operation, repair and maintenance guidelines given by the manufacturers,
 - b. the requirements of Law,
 - c. the physical conditions at the Site, and
 - d. The safety of operating personnel and human beings.
39. The Licensee shall have to provide safety measures like barricading, danger lighting and other necessary caution boards while executing the work.
40. While laying utility services, at least one lane of road shall be kept open to traffic at all times. In case of single lane roads, a diversion shall be constructed. If any traffic diversion works are found necessary during the working period such diversion shall be provided at the cost of Licensee.
41. After the termination/expiry of the agreement, the Licensee shall remove the utility services within 90 days and the site shall be brought back to the original condition failing which the Licensee will lose the right to remove the utility services. However before taking up the work of removal of utility services the Licensee shall furnish a Bank Guarantee to the Authority for a period of one year for an amount assessed by the Authority as a security for making good the excavated trench by proper filling and compaction, clearing debris, loose earth produced due to excavation of trenching at least 50m away from the edge of the RoW.
42. Any disputes in interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or their implementation shall be referred to the redress mechanism prevailing in the Ministry and the decision of the redress mechanism shall be final and binding on all.

43. For PPP Projects, in case of any financial loss incurred by the respective project concessionaires due to such laying/shifting of utility services by the Licensee, compensation for the same shall be required to be borne by the Licensee in mutual agreement with the respective project concessionaires. MoRT&H/ NHAI/ implementing authorities for the project shall not be liable to the concessionaire in any way in this regard.

This agreement has been made in duplicate, each on a Stamp Paper, Each party to this Agreement has retained one stamped copy each.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE CAUSED THIS AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES THE DAY AND THE YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF AUTHORITY.

BY SHRI _____

(Signature, name & address with stamp)

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF M/S _____ (LICENSEE)

BY SHRI _____

(Signature, name & address with stamp)

HOLDER OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY DATED _____
EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATED _____ PASSED BY HTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE
MEETING HELD ON _____

IN THE PRESENCE OF (WITNESSES):

1.

2.

Enclosure to Ministry of Road Transport & Highways letter No.RW/NH-33044/
29/2015) Sd(R(R) dated 22.11.16.

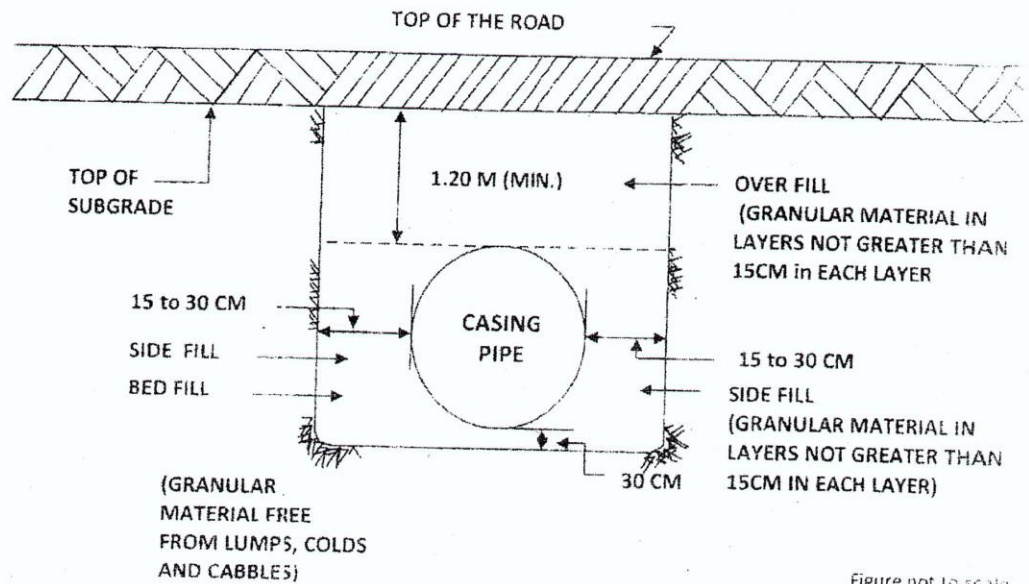


FIGURE-1 INSTALLATION OF CASING PIPE FOR CROSSING THE ROAD