

No. PL-20 (17)/78

*Dated the 4th July, 1979*

To

All the State Chief Engineers, PWD  
(dealing with Roads)

Subject : Overhead Charges for railway over/under bridges for "Deposit Works"

I am directed to state that this Ministry had approached the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) to ascertain the practice being followed by the Railways for the preparation of estimates for 'Deposit Works'. A copy of their Office Memorandum No. 78/WI/BRO/59 dated June 2, 1979 received in reply is enclosed for your information and guidance. In case it is noticed by your organisation that the General and Other Charges are abnormally high in any particular case for 'Deposit Works' for any railway over/under bridge, you could, as suggested by the Ministry of Railways in para 3 of their above cited O.M. take up the matter with the concerned Railways or with the Railway Board for suitable reduction/modification.

*COPY OF O.M.No. 78/WI/BRO/59, DATED THE 2ND JUNE, 1979 FROM THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD), NEW DELHI TO THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (ROADS WING), TRANSPORT BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.*

Subject : Overhead charges for railway over/under bridges for Deposit Works.

Ref : Ministry of Shipping & Transport O.M. No. PL-20 (17)/78 dated 27.7.78.

The undersigned is directed to state that information was called for from the Railways to ascertain the practice being followed by them for the preparation of estimates for the deposit works. It may be pointed out that Railways prepare estimates for "deposit works" in the same manner as for their own works. The only extra item included in "deposit works" is the element of "departmental charges". Levy of departmental charges @ 12½ is mandatory for all "deposit works". These have to be levied on the total cost of the work.

2. The total cost of the work includes all items of expenditure such as cost of labour, staff, officers (supervising and others), materials, freight (including loading/unloading), accommodation, office, plant & equipment, etc., specifically provided for the execution of the work. Part of these charges are levied as "General charges" freight/incidentals etc. These charges form part of the works and are provided at the same scale even in the case of railway's own works. Over and above these charges "departmental Charges" (not meant to substitute for any of these charges) are levied by the Railway. General Manager, has, however, the discretion, subject to certain conditions to waive these "departmental charges" in full or in part.
  3. It has also been observed that Railways levy general and other charges within accepted scale. It may vary somewhat depending on the nature of work, site conditions, working of the railway etc. It will be appreciated that it is neither advisable nor possible to enforce rigid uniformity in this regard. However, cases where any charges are deemed to be unusually high, may be referred to the Railway concerned or this Ministry for consideration.
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