

**No. RW/NH-33044/17/2002-S&R**

***Dated the 23rd July, 2003***

To

The Secretaries of States/Union Territories, Public Works Department (dealing with National Highways), All Engineer in Chief/Chief Engineers of States/Union Territories (dealing with National Highways), The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, The Director General (Border Roads).

**Subject: Laying of Optical Fibre Cables/Telecom ducts on National Highway Land**

Ministry has issued the policy guidelines vide letter of even no dated 29.9.2000, for establishing telecom infrastructure on National Highway Land by the authorized licensee in telecom infrastructure and registered infrastructure providers for laying OFC/telecom ducts. The NH Right of Way permission is to be granted by CE(NH) with the concurrence of Ministry's RO in respect of the NHs under jurisdiction of the State PWD. The permission in respect of NHs held by the NHA and BRO is to be granted by the designated officer of NHA and BRO respectively. It was further requested that the Divisional/Executive Engineer (or equivalent) incharge of NHs would keep a register of record of the permission accorded in the prescribed proforma (Annexure) with a copy to the Ministry's RO.

The policy guidelines for laying of OFC/Telecom ducts on NH land are under review at the highest level in the Ministry. The "Action Taken Report" in the prescribed proforma for laying of OFC/Telecom ducts on NH land permitted so far in your State/Jurisdiction may please be forwarded to the Ministry preferably by speed post latest by 14th August, 2003 positively to the Ministry addressed to the undersigned, Room No. 340, Transport Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001 for further necessary action.

***(Enclosure to MORT & H letter No. RW/NH-33044/17/2000-S&R dated 29.09.2000)***

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**Format for maintaining Records of Right of Way permission granted for laying OFC**

(to be maintained separately for every NH and State, every PWD Division or equivalent)

1. Name of State : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Agency (PWD/BRO/NHAI) : \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of PWD Division or Equivalent : \_\_\_\_\_
4. NH Number : \_\_\_\_\_

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