

Public Works (1893) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1198 R

DATED 9th September

[Despatch Abstract.]

Revised Standard dimensions for 5' 6" and metre gauge Railways. — Letter from the Govt of India forwarding, for information, Correspondence in connection with the —, forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Enclosure No. 1 to Government of India, Public Works Department,
letter No. 813 R. C. of 1893.

No. 382-C., dated Simla, the 26th June 1893.

Memorandum by the Director General of Railways.

THE undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, for orders.

No. 4604, dated Simla, the 21st June 1893.

From—The Director General of Telegraphs,

To—The Director General of Railways.

WITH reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, copies of which are

Letter No. 3015, dated 7th April 1893, from Executive Engineer, Karachi, North Western railway, to Superintendent, Sind and Baluchistan Division.

Letter No. 172, dated 10th April 1893, from Superintendent, Sind and Baluchistan Division, to Executive Engineer, North Western railway.

Letter No. 4623, dated 2nd June 1893, from Executive Engineer, North Western railway, to Superintendent, Sind and Baluchistan Division.

Letter No. 292, dated 25th May 1893, from the Engineer-in-Chief, Main Line Section, Lahore, to Executive Engineer, Karachi.

Letter No. 896-W. W., dated 19th May 1893,
from Manager, to Engineer-in-Chief, Main Line
Section, Lahore.

Letter No. 212-C., dated 19th April 1893, from
Director General of Railways, to Manager, North
Western railway.

* *N.B.*—The minimum horizontal distance from the centre line of nearest track at which a telegraph post may be erected, is the total height of the post, plus 7 feet; also where the line is in a cutting, a telegraph post erected on the berm must be at a distance from the edge of the cutting of not less than the total height of the post.

ence noted in the margin, copies of which are attached, I have the honour to point out that an absolutely strict adherence to the rule, copied in the margin,* from Government of India, Public Works Department, Circular No. 5 of 1892, would be in many cases practically impossible, and, if carried out in other cases, would either endanger the security and permanence of the telegraph line, or necessitate its being placed in such a position that it could not be inspected from the train—a most important matter in cases of interruption.

2. In your letter No. 212-C., dated the 19th April 1893, to the Manager, North Western railway, you direct that the Telegraph Department should be asked, in any case when infringement of the rules appears necessary, to apply for sanction to such infringement; but as, on every telegraph line constructed along a railway, a few cases must occur when the posts would have to be nearer to the rails than laid down in the circular under reference, such a procedure would lead to frequent, and, in my opinion, unnecessary correspondence.

3. While the departmental rules issued for the guidance of officers of the Telegraph Department ensure that the rule above copied should be adhered to whenever possible, I would suggest that exceptional cases should be left, as they always have been, to the discretion of the local Telegraph Superintendent, with the proviso that every case in which posts are placed within the prescribed limits should be brought to the notice of the Manager of the railway, and his sanction obtained. In cases only where the Manager and the Telegraph Superintendent disagree should the matter be referred to you or to me.

Enclosure No. 2 to Government of India, Public Works Department, letter
No. 813 R. C. of 1893.

No. 724-R. C., dated Simla, the 14th July 1893.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department,

To—The Director General of Railways.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 382-C., dated 26th June 1893, forwarding for orders a letter from the Director General of Telegraphs, pointing out the inconvenience in many cases of strictly adhering to the standard dimensions issued with Circular No. 5 Ry., dated 15th July 1892, so far as they relate to the minimum horizontal distance of telegraph posts from the centre line of the nearest track, and suggesting the procedure to be followed in cases where it is found necessary for the posts to infringe the standard dimensions.

2. In reply, I am to say that on open lines of railway, if the telegraph authorities obtain the permission of the Manager *before* infringing the standard dimensions, the Government of India consider that the safety of the travelling public will be sufficiently secured. The Government of India have no objection to the views of the Director General of Telegraphs being met to this extent.

3. On lines of railway under construction each case where it becomes necessary to infringe standard dimensions should be referred to the Engineer-in-Chief of the railway as it occurs, and his sanction to the infringement obtained.

*Public Works Department
Railway Branch
Proceedings of the Board of Government
No. 813 R. C. Read the following:*

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

To

THE SECRETARIES TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH, AND THE PUNJAB.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, BURMA, AND ASSAM.
THE RESIDENTS AT HYDERABAD AND IN MYSORE.
THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA, RAJPUTANA, AND BALUCHISTAN.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, CENTRAL DIVISION, LUCKNOW AND ASSAM.
THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Revised standard dimensions for 5' 6" and metre gauge railways.

Simla, the 17th August 1893.

SIR,

With reference to the note to item 32 of the revised standard dimensions for 5' 6" and metre gauge railways promulgated with Circulars No. 5 Railway and No. 7 Railway, dated the 15th July and 10th August 1892, respectively, regarding the minimum horizontal distance, from the centre line of nearest track, at which a telegraph post may be erected, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the undernoted correspondence for information and guidance.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. B. HEBBERT,

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

1. Copy of memorandum No. 382-C., dated 26th June 1893, and enclosure, from the Director General of Railways, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

2. Copy of Public Works Department letter No. 724-R. C., dated 14th July 1893, to the Director General of Railways.

Order

No. 1198.R, dated 9th Sept 1893

Forwarded to the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways, for information
and guidance, for Com-
munication to the Agents
of the Railway adminis-
tration under his Control

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. W. Bennett
Offg. Under Secy to Govt
P. W. D. Ry. Branch

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To
The Const. Eng^r for Ry

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