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D.O. No. 2004/Tele/WL/2/Misc.

My Dear Ghosh,

**Sub: Validity of license for hand held VHF sets.**

- Ref: (i) Your DO letter no. ECoR/S&T/BBS/Tele/19/6269  
dated 05/01/2012.**
- (ii) Board's letter no. 2002/Tele/WCM/6/Genl/pt  
dated 27.03.2006/03.04.2006.**

Board had forwarded the National Frequency Allocation Plan- 81 issued by DoT to Railways vide Board's letter no. 80/W3(Tele)WCM/2 dt 04.06.1982 which has specified the frequency bands allocated to Indian Railways. No payment was to be made for use of spectrum allotted to Indian Railways as per the NFAP-81 plan. However, as per the latest policy guidelines issued by DoT, now all users of spectrum including Indian Railways is required to pay spectrum usage charges. DoT has also specified the procedure to be followed for allotment of spectrum and use of telecom equipment.

Accordingly, Railway Board had issued guidelines to Railways vide their letter under reference (ii) for directly applying for allotment of spectrum and purchase of Telecom equipment for their use. Direct application to WPC by zonal Railways is inescapable as the spectrum usages as per the latest DoT guidelines is 'location specific' and also depends upon quantum of equipment involved for usage of spectrum. Further, for obtaining spectrum, the WPC procedure also requires inputs such as purchase invoice, specification details etc. Moreover the spectrum usage charges are to be paid by Railway, hence, the direct application would help in expediting the allotment/renewal of spectrum by WPC. Accordingly, all zonal Railways are applying directly for spectrum allotment to WPC including the spectrum for VHF sets and no other Railway has approached Railway Board stating that they are facing problem in obtaining VHF license.

In view of the above, I would suggest that East Coast Railway should directly apply to WPC for allotment of spectrum as per the detailed guidelines issued by this office.

With best wishes,

DA: Two letters.

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Copy to: General Managers/Zonal Railways for similar necessary action.