

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड) (RAILWAY BOARD)

सं. 2004/Tele/WL/2/Misc.

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक: 16/04/2013

TELECOM CIRCULAR NO. 12/2013

**The General Manager,
All Indian Railways.**

**Sub: Eliminating Elephant Mortalities due to train hits- VHF
Communication between Station Master and Forest Officials.**

There have been instances of elephant mortalities due to train hits. As part of the agreed action plan between the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Environment & Forests, it has been decided to set-up 25 W VHF communication between Station Master and the field officials of the forest department. This would facilitate immediate flow of information regarding presence of elephants near Railway tracks from the forest officials to the Station Master so that the loco-pilots of the trains in section can be alerted for taking necessary precaution(s).

The frequency to be used for this purpose should be the common frequency i.e. 160.40 MHz.

25W VHF sets that is available with the Station Master should be used for this purpose. As these 25W sets are programmed with common frequency in channel scan list (Telecom Circular No-11/2011), they will receive the communication on this channel.

It is desired that zonal Railways ensure existence of 25W VHF set having selective calling facility so that communication between Station Master and Forest Officials can be established in the identified areas vulnerable to elephant mortalities due to train hit.



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नई दिल्ली, दिनांक / New Delhi, Date -17.10.2011

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Telecom Circular No:11/2011

- Sub: Exclusive frequency for use of Walkie-Talkie VHF sets by the
ASMs and Drivers/ Guards.
- Ref: (i) Board's policy no. RB Tele 3/2007 issued vide letter no.
2004/ Tele/ WL/ 2/ Misc dated 22.05.2007 on guidelines for
utilization of Walkie-Talkie/ VHF sets on Indian Railways.
- (ii) NCR's letter no. S&T/ NCR/ VHF dated 09.03.2011.

Board had issued detailed guidelines in relation to the use of frequency for the Walkie-Talkie/VHF sets by different departments on the Indian Railways vide policy circular under reference (i) above.

2. North Central Railways vide its letter under reference (ii) above had raised concerns that not allowing driver/guard frequency to Engineering and Carriage & Wagon staff may affect the maintenance.

3. The matter has been considered in Board and the following mechanism to solve the problem has been approved by Board.

"Station Manager's existing 25W VHF sets shall be reprogrammed to have the common frequency (160.40 MHz) in the channel scan list in addition to the driver-guard frequency (161.15 MHz) in the priority channel scan list. Thus, when someone speaks on common frequency (160.40MHz), Station Manager will be able to listen to them and respond to. However, the driver-guard frequency (161.15MHz) would be given priority over any other channel. Those Railways where the old type of 25W VHF sets (not having channel scanning feature) are still in use may expedite the replacement of the same in line with latest RDSO specification".

4. Please acknowledge receipt.

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