OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Restricting Ministries/ Departments/ PSUs of the Central Government from asking for land in exchange for land required for the implementation of Metro Rail Projects.

During the execution of the Metro Rail Projects in the country one of the major impediments has been the insistence by various Ministries/Departments of the Central Government on provision of land for land required for the projects and that too of equal monetary value. As the Metro Rail Companies do not have a land bank, such conditions lead to protracted negotiations between the land-owning Department and the Metro Rail Company, which subjects the projects to long delays resulting in cost overruns causing additional burden on the public exchequer, besides causing inconvenience to the people.

2. After due consultation with all the stakeholders, a Cabinet Note on the subject was forwarded to Cabinet Secretariat vide OM dated 28.10.2014 for consideration of the Cabinet. A Supplementary Note for the Cabinet was also submitted for alternative option to the Cabinet Secretariat vide OM dated 13.11.2014.

3. The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 10.12.2014 have approved that –

3.1 Once a Metro Rail project has been approved by the Cabinet, all Ministries/ Departments may accord operating rights on the relevant land (sought by the Metro Rail company as per the Detailed Project Report) immediately, even during consultations between the concerned ministries pending the actual transfer of the land, so that work of the project does not suffer and people are not put to inconvenience.

3.2 Ministries/Departments/PSUs of the Central Government will not ask for land in exchange for land required for the implementation of Metro Rail Projects. The concerned Ministry/Department/PSU would be compensated for the transferred land based on the rates as per the prevailing guideline values.
4. The above directions will come into effect with immediate effect.

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To,

(with a request to convey the said Cabinet decision to all departments and PSUs coming under the respective Ministries),

1. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
2. Secretary, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
3. Secretary, Ministry of Coal
4. Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation
5. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
6. Secretary, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
7. Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
8. Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
9. Secretary, Ministry of Culture
10. Secretary, Ministry of Defence
11. Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
12. Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation
13. Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences
14. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
15. Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
16. Secretary, Ministry of Finance
17. Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries
18. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
19. Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
20. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
21. Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation
22. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development
23. Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
24. Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment
25. Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice
26. Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
27. Secretary, Ministry of Mines
28. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
29. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
30. Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
31. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
32. Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
33. Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
34. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
35. Secretary, Ministry of Planning
36. Secretary, Ministry of Power
37. Chairman, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways
38. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
39. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
40. Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology
41. Secretary, Ministry of Shipping
42. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
43. Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
44. Secretary, Ministry of Steel
45. Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
46. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
47. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
48. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development
49. Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development
50. Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
51. Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

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1. Director, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Joint Secretary to Prime Minister, PMO, South Block, New Delhi.

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