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No. 2025/HQ/Admin/RTI-423

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New Delhi: 26.06.2025

**Sh. Manish V Patel**  
**Valsad**

Subject: Providing information w.r.t. Original RTI Application received under the RTI Act 2005.

Reference: Your RTI application dated 21.05.2025 received in this office on through Ministry of Railways on 18.06.2025.

Information, as received from the concerned record holding office is attached.

First Appeal if any may be made to the First Appellate Authority within 30 days of receipt of reply. The name, designation & address of the First Appellate Authority is as under;

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MUM/N/EN/BL/RTI/89/complaint

Date: 23.06.2025

To,  
Shri Manish V Patel  
Mograwadi, Near Railway station  
Near Ramesh Guest House Mograwadi  
Valsad-396001

Sub:- Complaint of Shri Manish V Patel-Railway Board's Letter No.  
2025/V3/DFCCIL/Engg./Misc/Comp/2 dated 25.04.2025(CVC Complaint No.  
100948/2025)

Ref:- DFC/Vig./05 11 004/2025 dated 10.06.2025

Vide letter under ref: DGM/Vigilance has submitted complaint of Shri Manish V Patel. The detailed reply of same is tabulated below:-

Sl No	Questions raised in petition	Reply
1	<b>Violation of Railway Board Norms:</b> The Railway Board mandates a minimum 30m distance between main railway tracks and residential areas to ensure safety. DFCCIL has admitted in writing that my house is only 12.55 metres from the Freight track, a clear and dangerous violation. Their claim that no NOC is required because my home predated the project is baseless and illegal. It was DFCCIL's responsibility to comply with safety norms, obtain clearance, compensate or relocate affected residents. Instead, they proceeded recklessly, prioritizing project execution over human lives	<p>As per circular No. 2007/LML/19/4 dated 16.05.2008(enclosed for your kind reference), “ No new construction of any building or reconstruction of an existing building shall be allowed with in a distance of half the height of the said building from the Railway track boundary, and in any case at least 3m away from such boundary. Further a 'No objection certificate' from the concerned Railways is required to be submitted by the party to the local authorities for granting permission for the building plans if proposed structure lies between the Railway boundary and the distance of 30m from it”.</p> <p>In case of Shri Manish V Patel Mograwadi Near Railway station valsad Near Ramesh Guest House Mograwadi, it stated that he is residing in his house since 1993. His house is adjoining the Railway Land situated since last more than 32 years. Therefore, as per the Circular dated 16/5/2008 of the Railway Board, Mr. Manish Patel was required to take NOC from the Railways before starting construction of his house in the year 1993 which has not been taken. It is stated that the distance between Railway Land boundary and edge of house is 7.55m. The house of Shri Manish V Patel is at a distance of 12.55 m from DFC UP line and concrete boundary wall has been constructed on Railway Land boundary to ensure safety. If Railway/DFCCIL is laying track or doing any work in Railway/DFCCIL land,</p>

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		there is no Violation of Railway Board Norms. The norms are applicable when the construction is to be done in a land adjoining Railway Land.
2	Structural Damage and Lack of Adequate Safety Measures: The Proximity of the freight corridor and constant vibrations from heavy trains have caused visible cracks and structural weaking in my home. DFCCIL's assertion that "no damage was noticed" is unsubstantiated, as their inspection was neither independent nor transparent, and no report was shared with residents. I demand an immediate third-Party structural audit by certified engineers to assess the damage and ensure accountability	<p>Mere vague statement is made about the structural damage to the house since the start of freight operations without even mentioning the year in which the operations started. In fact, on Railway Land, a wall has been constructed on the boundary of the Railway Land for safety of the people.</p> <p>Apropos the complaint of Mr. Patel, a safety inspection was conducted by DFC officials Executive Engg/BL and Jr.Executive Engg/BL on 07.04.2025. The inspection report is enclosed here with. It is clearly found that the distance of boundary wall of house from DFC UP track is 10.9 meters, distance of Edge of house from DFCC UP track is 12.55 meters, distance of Boundary wall of house from Railway boundary is 5.90 meters and distance of edge of house from Railway boundary is 7.55 meters. All safety protocols have been followed for laying of the track.</p> <p>This house was inspected by DFC officials, Executive Engg/BL and Jr.Executive Engg/BL and confirmed that no vibration observed at this house due to train movement and no such structural damage has occurred in this house due to train movement. As the house of Shri Manish V Patel is very old(32 Years appx), Cracks has been developed in the house which is not related to the train movement.</p> <p>The structure is outside Railway boundary hence, no third-party Audit report is carried out particular to structure of Shri Manish V Patel.</p>
4	Misleading Safety Claims DFCCIL's claim that a boundary wall ensures safety is technically unsound. A wall cannot mitigate vibrations, noise pollution, or derailment risks, demonstrating a lack of understanding of Safety Engineering and an attempt to trivialize serious concerns	<p>All safety measures, as per the Railway Board's Norms, have been followed while laying of the DFCCIL track. Boundary wall is constructed on Railway land between DFCCIL track and Private property to ensure safety. A safety inspection was conducted by DFC officials Executive Engg/BL and Jr.Executive Engg/BL on 07.04.2025. The inspection report is enclosed here with. The house is at a distance of 12.55 m from DFC UP line and concrete boundary wall has been constructed at Railway boundary, hence all safety protocols have been followed for laying of the track.</p> <p>This house was inspected by DFC officials, Executive Engg/BL and Jr.Executive Engg/BL and confirmed that no vibration observed at this house due to train movement and no such structural damage has occurred in this house</p>

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		due to train movement. As the house of Shri Manish V Patel is more than 32 years old, Cracks has been developed in the house which is not related to the train movement. Environmental And Social Impact Assessment Study (ESIA) For Western Corridor of Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (Phase 2) For JNPT-Vadodara and Rewari-Dadri Sections has been carried out. Shri Manish V Patel visited DFCCIL Valsad office on 12.06.2025. The copy of same was given to Shri Manish V Patel on 12.06.2025
5	Denial of Compensation despite clear evidence of proximity violations and property damage, DFCCIL has unjustly denied compensation. This reflects a disregard for public responsibility and justice, violating principles of governance and accountability	The damage to the house is not resulted due to either laying of DFC tracks or movement of trains. Neither land nor the house of Mr. Patel is falling within the DFC alignment. Therefore, the same is not acquired at all. As per "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013"- Para 3C affected family includes "a family whose land or immovable property has been acquired". In the case of Shri Manish Bhai Patel, no land acquisition has been carried out and Railway/DFCCIL has carried out work and laid track on DFCCIL/Railway land. Hence no compensation is permitted.
6	Harassment and Intimidation When I Pursued legal and civic remedies, DFCCIL officials responded with intimidation, including deploying police personnel to my residence to silence me. Such abuse to suppress legitimate grievances is unacceptable and warrants a thorough investigation.	At the time of starting of laying DFC track on the Railway land in the year 2023, there was some agitation. Therefore, to protect the Railway Property, the personnel of Railway Protection Force had come. But not a single policeman has been deployed by the DFCCIL till date. There is not a single act of any intimidation or harassment as alleged by DFCCIL personnel. Had there been any such intimidation or harassment, Mr. Patel would have raised his voice much earlier in the year 2023 itself. None of the fundamental rights of Mr. Patel is violated by construction of DFC tracks on Railway land.
7	A third-Party Structural Safety audit of my residence and near by buildings to assess damage from freight operations	As the house of Shri Manish Bhai Patel is in private land and Railway/DFCCIL has not done any land acquisition at this location, independent third- Party inspection can not be carried out by DFCCIL/Railway. And as the damage and structure risk to Mr. Patel's house is not due to DFC tracks or movement of trains on the tracks, no independent third-Party inspection to be ordered.
8	Adequate, time-bound compensation for structural	As DFCCIL/Railway has not carried out any Land acquisition at this location, Compensation is not admissible as per "The Right to Fair Compensation and





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	damages and mental distress caused	Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013"
9	A transparent inquiry into harassment and misuse of power by DFCCIL officials	No harassment has been done to any person by DFCCIL/Railway. Had there been any harassment actually, the voice would have been raised much earlier in 2023 itself.
10	Clear directives for DFCCIL to adhere to citizen-Safety protocols nation wide, preventing similar violations	No Safety violation has been done by DFCCIL/Railway

Encl:1. Joint inspection report  
2. Railway circular

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