No. PWD (C) A (3)-1/2024
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Public Works Department

From

Principal Secretary (PW) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

The Engineer-in-Chief,
HP PWD, Shimla-2.

Dated Shimla-2 the 25 March, 2026.

Subject: - Amendments in the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Rules 1972-reg.

Sir,

With reference to subject cited above, I am directed to say that necessary amendments in the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Rules, 1972 have been carried through the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Rules, 2026 which were published in Rajpatra (e-Gazette), Himachal Pradesh on 18.03.2026 and thus the amendments have come into force from 18.03.2026 (Copies enclosed).

You are, therefore, requested to up-load the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Rules, 2026 on the official website of the Department and also circulate the same to the concerned Department(s)/Corporation(s) for information.

Yours faithfully

(Surjeet Singh Rathore)
Additional Secretary (PW) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Tel. No. 0177-2620159

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शिमला –171 002, 12 मार्च, 2026

संख्याः पी0डब्ल्यू0डी0(सी)ए(3)1/2024.—हिमाचल प्रदेश एरियल रोपवेज संशोधन रूल्ज, 2025 प्रारूप को इस विभाग की समसंख्यांक अधिसूचना तारीख 30 अगस्त, 2025 द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश आकाशी रज्जू मार्ग अधिनियम, 1968 (1969 का अधिनियम संख्यांक 7) की धारा 32 के अधीन यथा अपेक्षित के अनुसार, राजपत्र

(ई–गजट), हिमाचल प्रदेश में एतद्द्वारा संभाव्य प्रभावित होने वाले व्यक्तियों से, इनके प्रकाशन की तारीख से तीस दिन के भीतर, आक्षेप(पों) आमन्त्रित करने के लिए अधिसूचित किया गया था और जिसे राजपत्र (ई–गजट), हिमाचल प्रदेश में तारीख 02 सितम्बर, 2025 को प्रकाशित किया गया था;

और नियत अवधि के दौरान इस निमित कोई भी आक्षेप / सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुए है / हैं।

अतः हिमाचल प्रदेश के राज्यपाल, हिमाचल प्रदेश आकाशी रज्जू मार्ग अधिनियम, 1968 की धारा 32 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, इस विभाग की अधिसूचना संख्याः 9–97 / 70 पी0डब्ल्यू0डी0, तारीख 27 दिसम्बर, 1972 द्वारा अधिसूचित और राजपत्र (असाधारण) हिमाचल प्रदेश में 24 जनवरी, 1973 को प्रकाशित हिमाचल प्रदेश एरियल रोपवेज रूल्ज, 1972 का और संशोधन करते हुए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाने का प्रस्ताव करते हैं, अर्थात्:––

1. **संक्षिप्त नाम और प्रारम्भ.**––(1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम हिमाचल प्रदेश एरियल रोपवेज (संशोधन) रूल्ज, 2026 है।

(2) ये नियम राजपत्र (ई–गजट), हिमाचल प्रदेश में इनके प्रकाशन की तारीख से प्रवृत्त होंगे।

2. **नियम 3 का संशोधन.**––हिमाचल प्रदेश एरियल रोपवेज रूल्ज, 1972 (जिन्हें इसमें इसके पश्चात् उक्त नियम कहा गया है) के नियम 3 में,–

(क) उप–नियम (2) के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित उप–नियम (2–A) अन्तःस्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:–

"(2-A) The information submitted under section 5 of the Act shall also contain Khasra No. of land and building with the name of owner, which will be required for calling objections under section 6 of the Act.".

(ख) उप–नियम (4) के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:––

"(4) The draft of the proposed order authorizing for conducting surveys of an aerial ropeway shall be prepared in the form as per Annexure-II with suitable modifications as may be required in each case. After conducting survey, detailed project report shall be submitted by the promoter to the Government through Inspector of aerial ropeways, who shall send the same to the Ropeway Expert Committee, which shall send the same to the Government with its recommendations. The Government after seeking the public objections under section 6 of the Act as per Annexure-III with suitable modifications and after the redressal of the same shall issue the sanction under section 7 of the Act for the construction of the aerial ropeway as per Annexure IV with suitable modifications.".

(ग) उप–नियम (4) के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित उप–नियम (5) अन्तःस्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:–

(5) If a promoter authorized by an order to construct an aerial ropeway does not succeed to complete the construction thereof, within the time specified in the order, he may submit an application to the State Government through Inspector of aerial ropeways and Ropeway Expert Committee before expiry of the specified period stipulated for completion, for time extension giving the detailed reasons under section 8 of the Act. The State Government after due consideration, if satisfied, may grant extension of time.".

3. **नियम 5 का संशोधन.**—उक्त नियमों के नियम 5 में,—

खण्ड (8) लोप किया जाएगा;

4. **नियम 6 का संशोधन.**—उक्त नियमों के नियम 5 में, "section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894", शब्दों के स्थान पर "provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (30 of 2013)" शब्द रखे जाएंगे।

5. **नियम 7 का संशोधन.**—उक्त नियमों के नियम 7 में, उप–नियम (1) के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:–

"(1) The promoter shall have power to fix the rates of the carriage of passengers, animals and goods. The rates, so fixed by the promoter shall be intimated to the Inspector of aerial ropeways and Expert Committee to the Government" ; and

(ख) उप– नियम (2) में "Government" शब्द के स्थान पर "promoter" शब्द रखा जाएगा; और

6. **नियम 8–A का अन्तःस्थापन.**—उक्त नियमों के नियम 8 के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित नियम अन्तःस्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:–

"**8-A. Insurance cover.**—The State Government shall from time to time notify the rate of comprehensive insurance cover applicable to all ropeways in the State on the advice / recommendations of the Ropeways Expert Committee. The Ropeways Expert Committee shall keep in view that the comprehensive insurance cover is uniform irrespective of age and gender.

The promoter shall be bound to abide by the rates of comprehensive insurance cover and it will be the sole responsibility of the promoter to settle the insurance claim expeditiously without leaving the claimant to the mercy of the insurance company.".

7. **नियम 9 का संशोधन.**—उक्त नियमों के नियम 7 में, उप–नियम (2) के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित उप–नियम अन्तःस्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:–

"(3) The promoter after removal of the defects which led to the closure of the aerial ropeway under section 21 of the Act, shall apply through Inspector of Aerial Ropeways to the Government for sanctioning of the re-opening of aerial ropeway under sub-section 2 of section 21 of the Act. The Inspector of Aerial Ropeways as well as the Ropeways Expert Committee shall inspect the aerial ropeway and after confirmation of the removal of the defects, which led to the closure of the aerial ropeway, recommend the re-opening of the aerial ropeway under sub-section 2 of section 21 of the Act.".

8. **नियम 12–ए, 12–बी और 12–सी का अन्तःस्थापन.**—उक्त नियमों के नियम 12 के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित नियम अन्तःस्थापित किए जाएंगे, अर्थात्:–

"**12-A. Contravention of bye-laws.**—Any person who contravenes the provisions of any bye-laws framed under section 27 of the Act shall be liable to fine, which may extend to any sum not exceeding five thousand rupees, the promoter's servant responsible for the same shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one month's pay, which may be deducted by the promoter from his pay.

12-B. Failure of the promoter to comply with the Act.—If a promoter fails to comply with any provision of the Act, he shall without prejudice to the enforcement of specific performance of the requirements of this Act or of any other remedy which may be enforced against him shall be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees one lakh and in case of a continuing offence the fine may extend to rupees fifty thousand for everyday during which the offender is proved to have committed the offence.

Further, if the promoter violates the provisions related to safety of the passengers/ropeway, as contained in the bye-laws, the Inspector of Ropeways after consultation with the Ropeways Expert Committee shall recommend to the Government to cancel or terminate the license of the ropeway. The Government, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the promoter, if not satisfied, may suspend or cancel the license of the ropeway.".

12-C. Unlawful interference with the ropeway.- If any person unlawfully interferes with the aerial ropeway as enumerated in section 35 of the Act he shall without prejudice to any other remedy which may be enforced against him in a Civil Court, be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees five lakh.".

9. **नियम 14 से 23 का अन्तःस्थापन,–** उक्त नियमों के नियम 14 के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित नियम और उपाबन्ध अन्तःस्थापित किए जाएंगे, अर्थात्:–

"15. The standard dimensions and specifications for the aerial ropeways.—The standard dimensions and specifications for the aerial ropeways shall be as under:—

(1) **Design of ropeways**: A ropeway meant for use of carrying passengers, animals or goods shall be of relevant International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) codes and its components, systems, civil structures, wherever applicable Standardization (ISO)/European Committee for Standardization (CEN) codes may be followed.

(2) **Minimum design load:** The ropeway should be designed to carry minimum of two passengers at a time and the dimensions of the carrier should be such that two passengers can sit comfortably.

(3) **Over loading**: The promoter shall not allow over loading of the carrier above the designed load which shall be exhibited at the site of ropeway.

(4) **Material:** The material used in the construction shall conform to Bureau of Indian standards.

(5) **Design of wire rope:** The size of the wire rope shall be worked out on the basis of detailed structural calculations and will depend upon the maximum number of passengers allowed to be carried at a time span and sag provided.

(6) **Minimum dia of wire rope**: In case of only one supporting cable, its diameter should be as actually worked out or 25 mm, whichever is greater.

(7) **Factor of safety:** While designing sizes of ropes, structural steel and other ropeway fillings, a factor of safety shall conform to the Bureau of Indian standards code and wherever required International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) code on case to case basis be adopted.

(8) **Safety measures for carrier:** All carriers shall be provided with appliances which will prevent the container from discharging its contents except at points where it is intended to discharge them.

(9) **Head way:** Where a ropeway is passed over a public road or a railway on which passengers are carried, a bridge under the ropeway shall be provided and maintained by the promoter and such bridge shall be so constructed as to prevent persons from being endangered by anything falling from the ropeway. The minimum clearance between the bridge and carrier shall be five meters.

(10) **Head way:** Where ropeway passes over a canal, khud or river, built up structures or buildings, the minimum clearance under the carrier shall be kept as five meters.

(11) **Guard rails:** The promoter shall provide guard rails at the entrance and exit of the ropeway for the safety of passengers.

(12) **Indicators:** Suitable indicators such as white, red coloured balls and red flags at *inter-se* distance of 100 meters (hundred meters) be provided along the path of the aerial ropeways so as to avoid collision of helicopters, aircrafts with the ropes of the aerial ropeway. The painting of trestles and other components of ropeway infrastructure for their identification by the helicopters, aircrafts and Para gliders under civil aviation norms be also made.

(13) **Safety measures:** The electrical lines and apparatus be protected as per general safety requirement under clause-12 of chapter-3 of Central Electricity Authority Regulation, 2010.

16. Safe and efficient working of aerial ropeways.—For safe and efficient working of aerial ropeways following steps should be followed:—

(1) **Signalling:** Reliable devices approved by the Inspector of aerial ropeways for signalling between the terminal and junction stations shall be provided.

(2) **Signalling:** For the purpose of giving signals on the ropeway the promoter or his representative shall appoint in writing persons to give the signals and shall satisfy himself that they are competent to give the signals and are familiar with code of signals in use.

(3) **Motive power**: The promoter will provide suitably designed motive powers, electrically driven, oil/ petrol driven and employ/engage trained operators for the purpose during operation hours of the ropeway and shall keep a suitable standby motive power arrangements as per relevant Bureau of Indian Standards code / Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) codes.

(4) **Manual operation**: In case of manual operated carriers, the promoter shall engage one trained operator on each end of the ropeway. The duration and duties of the operator, their pay and allowances and other arrangements for their welfare shall be governed by the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(5) **Lubrication:** All moving parts should be properly greased and oiled regularly.

(6) **Daily inspection:** A competent person appointed by the promoter or his representative shall daily inspect all posts, ropes, machinery, gear and other

appliances and shall record in book to be kept for the purpose a true copy of the inspection stating what defect, if any, was noticed during the course of inspection.

(7) **Working of ropeway:** The ropeway shall not be worked unless the posts, rope, machinery, gear and other accessory appliances are in proper order.

(8) **Access to the carrier:** The promoter shall make access to the carrier for the convenience of the passengers.

(9) **Refusal of passengers:** The promoter shall not be bound to carry the passengers after the schedule hours of operation which shall be exhibited at site.

(10) **Communication:** The promoter shall provide communication system to maintain adequate verbal contact between the terminals and the passengers or other operational staff on board of all the cabins. The system may consist of:—

(a) Telephone.—All terminals shall be connected to the public telephone service.

(b) Wireless System.—A wireless communication system approved by the Department of telecommunication shall be provided in all the cabins for communication between the cabins and terminals.

(c) Public Address System.—The line of the Aerial Ropeway shall be provided with a public address system that is audible within the cabins from any point on the line.

17. **The manner of previous publication of bye-laws made under section 27.**— The promoter shall after consultation with the State Government, cause such bye-laws as he wants to be confirmed by the State Government to be published in two reputed dailies circulating in the State (*i.e.* one English daily and one vernacular) asking the general public to lodge their objection(s), if any, with the Collector of the illaqua within 20 days of the publication.

18. **Returns under section 28.**—The intervals at which a promoter shall submit returns of capital and revenue expenditure, receipts and traffic, in respect of aerial ropeway under section 28 and the forms in which such returns shall be submitted, shall be governed by the procedure laid down by the competent authority in consultation with Accountant General of Himachal Pradesh.

19. **The preparation, submission and auditing of the accounts of the promoter.**— In the case of a promoter other than the State Government the promoter's accounts shall be prepared, submitted and audited in consultation with the Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh.

20. **The method of arbitration for the settlement of disputes.**—All questions and disputes relating to the construction, operation, maintenance, rates, bye-laws, claims, rights or any other matter arising out of or in connection with the aerial ropeway, shall be referred to the sole arbitration of the Collector. If the collector is unable to act as an arbitrator, the dispute shall be referred to a sole arbitrator as appointed by the Collector. It shall not be a valid objection to such appointment that the arbitrator is a Government servant. In the event the arbitrator originally

appointed is transferred, vacates office or is otherwise unable to act for any reason, the Collector shall appoint a new arbitrator. The newly appointed arbitrator shall be entitled to proceed with the arbitration from the state at which it was left by his predecessor. The provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under these rules.

21. **The manner in which, and the conditions under which, the booking of goods may be permitted between an aerial ropeway and railway, tramway or another aerial ropeway.**—Goods may be booked between an aerial ropeway and a railway, tramway or another aerial ropeway only with prior written approval of the State Government or its authorised officer, in consultation with the Ministry of Railways. Such booking shall be governed by a mutual agreement between the operators, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and safety standards. The concerned operators shall enter into a written agreement detailing terms of transfer, safety procedures, liability and cost sharing.

22. **The manner in which notices under the Act shall be served.**—All notices required to be served under the Act, shall be served on the promoter either by the State Government, the Collector or by the Inspector of aerial ropeways.

23. **The conditions under which, the manner in which, the powers conferred on promoters by Section 14 and Section 15 may be exercised.**—The powers conferred on the promoter with section 14 and Section 15 of the Act shall be exercised by them after prior approval in writing received from the State Government, the Collector or by the Inspector aerial ropeways.".

10. **उपाबन्धों का संशोधन.**—उक्त नियमों के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित संशोधित किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:–

(क) उपाबन्ध–I का प्रतिस्थापन किया जाएगा

(ख) उक्त नियमों से संलग्न ज्ञापन का लोप किया जाएगा

(ग) उपाबन्ध–II से IV का अन्तः स्थापन किया जाएगा

Annexure-I

(Application for permission to undertake the preliminary investigations)

[(*See* rule 3(1)]

To

The Inspector of Aerial Ropeways,

.....

.....Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968. I/we hereby seek permission of the Himachal Pradesh Government to undertake the necessary preliminary investigations for setting up an aerial ropeway at.....(Locality)..... Tehsil..... District....., Himachal Pradesh.

The requisite information as required under section 4 of the said Act is given hereunder:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

Yours faithfully.

Dated...

[Signatures and full address of the applicant(s)]

Annexure- II

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[*See* rule 3(4)]

No. PWD(C)..... Dated, Shimla-2, the...

SANCTION

Whereas, M/s..... a company incorporated under the companies Act, 1956/2013 had applied under section 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968, for permission to undertake the necessary preliminary investigations for setting up of a passenger/goods/animals aerial ropeway between ..... and.....in ..... District.....Himachal Pradesh, through Inspector of aerial ropeways-cum-Executive Engineer, HPPWD Mechanical Division..... ..... .District..... Himachal Pradesh.

And whereas, the Inspector of aerial ropeways-*cum*-Executive Engineer, HP PWD Mechanical Division.....District..... Himachal Pradesh in consultation with the Ropeways Expert Committee has recommended to accord sanction under section 5 of the Act *ibid* to M/s...(name of Promoter)... to make surveys, detailed estimates, plans and such other requirements as necessary for the full consideration of the proposal.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 of the Act *ibid* and subject to conditions laid therein, the State Government after due consideration of the conditions laid down in Section 4 of the Act *ibid* and recommendations of the Ropeways Expert Committee, hereby accord sanction to M/s...(Name of Promoter)... to make surveys, detailed estimates, plans and such other requirements as necessary for the full consideration to the proposal for setting up of an aerial ropeway.

By order,

Secretary (PW).

Annexure- III

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[(*See* rule 3(4)]

NOTICE

No. PWD(C) ..... Dated, Shimla-2, the.....

Whereas, an application has been received from M/s...(name of the promoter.....), requesting to issue final order in respect of construction of passenger ropeway between ..... and.....in ..... District.....Himachal Pradesh, for which an order for carrying out preliminary investigation under section 5 of Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeway Act, 1968 was issued;

And whereas, the State Government, vide its letter number dated ..... had conveyed its sanction under section 5 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 (7 of 1969) in favour of M/s...(Name of Promoter)... (herein after called "the promoter"), for making necessary surveys for the setting up of an aerial ropeway between ..... and.....;

And whereas, the promoter has submitted detailed plans and designs along with other relevant documents of the aforesaid project, and the State Government has considered the recommendations of the Ropeways Expert Committee.

And whereas, the State Government, after considering the conditions laid down in section 5 of the Act *ibid* and in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 proposes to authorize the said promoter to construct aerial ropeway between ..... and.....subject to following restrictions and conditions:—

1. .....
2.
3. .....
4.
5. .....

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Act *ibid*, the State Government hereby invites objection(s)/suggestion(s) with respect to construction of ropeway between.....and..... from all interested persons. The objection(s)/suggestion(s) if any, should be addressed to the Secretary (PW) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and should reached within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh. Any objection(s)/suggestion(s) with respect to the proposed ropeway received by the Secretary (PW) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh/State Government on or before the date specified above, the same shall be taken into consideration by the State Government before the final order is made and published under section 7 of the Act *ibid*.

By order,

Secretary (PW).

ANNEXURE- IV

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[(*See* rule 3(4)]

ORDER

No. PWD(C) Dated Shimla-2, the

Whereas, M/s...(name of the promoter....., had applied for permission to construct a passenger aerial ropeway from ..... and .....;

And whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 6 of Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 (Act No. 7 of 1969), the State Government had invited the objections(s)/suggestion(s) *vide* this Government notice of No..... dated ....., published in the Himachal Pradesh Rajpatra dated ..... in relation to the proposed aerial ropeway from all the interested persons within thirty days from the date of publication of the notice in the Rajpatra Himachal Pradesh;

And whereas, ...number of objection(s)/suggestion(s) or no objection(s)/suggestion(s) have been received by the State Government within the stipulated period;

Now, therefore (after the due consideration of objection(s)/ suggestion(s) / redressal of the same) the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 7 of the Act *ibid*, is pleased to authorize the construction of an aerial ropeway from ..... and ..... by ...(name of the promoter....., subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

1. .....
2. .....

By order,

Secretary (PW).

[Authoritative English Text of this Department Notification No. PWD(C)A(3)1/2024, dated 12-03-2026 as required under clause(3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India].

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Shimla-171 002, the 12th March, 2026

No. PWD(C)A(3)1/2024.—Whereas, the draft Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Amendment Rules, 2025, were published in the Rajpatra (e-Gazette), Himachal Pradesh dated 2nd September, 2025, *vide* this Department notification of even number dated 30th August, 2025 for inviting objection(s) and suggestion(s) from the persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the draft rules in Rajpatra (e-Gazette), Himachal

Pradesh as required under sub-section (1) of Section 32 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 (Act No. 7 of 1969);

And, whereas, no objection or suggestion has been received from the general public within the above stipulated period;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 32 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh, is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Rules, 1972, notified *vide* this department's Notification No. 9-97/70-PWD, dated 27th December, 1972 and published in the Rajpatra (Extra-Ordinary), Himachal Pradesh on 24th January,1973, namely:—

RULES

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) These rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Rajpatra(e-Gazette), Himachal Pradesh.

2. **Amendment of rule 3.**—In rule 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Rules, 1972 (hereinafter referred to as the 'said rules').—

(a) after sub- rule(2), the following sub-rule (2-A) shall be inserted, namely:—

"(2-A) The information submitted under section 5 of the Act shall also contain Khasra No. of land and building with the name of owner, which will be required for calling objections under section 6 of the Act.".

(b) for sub- rule(4), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(4) The draft of the proposed order authorizing for conducting surveys of an aerial ropeway shall be prepared in the form as per Annexure-II with suitable modifications as may be required in each case. After conducting survey, detailed project report shall be submitted by the promoter to the Government through Inspector of aerial ropeways, who shall send the same to the Ropeway Expert Committee, which shall send the same to the Government with its recommendations. The Government after seeking the public objections under section 6 of the Act as per Annexure-III with suitable modifications and after the redressal of the same shall issue the sanction under section 7 of the Act for the construction of the aerial ropeway as per Annexure-IV with suitable modifications.".

(c) after sub- rule(4), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"(5) If a promoter authorized by an order to construct an aerial ropeway does not succeed to complete the construction thereof, within the time specified in the order, he may submit an application to the State Government through Inspector of aerial ropeways and Ropeway Expert Committee before expiry of the specified period stipulated for completion, for time extension giving the detailed reasons under section 8 of the Act. The State Government after due consideration, if satisfied, may grant extension of time.".

3. **Amendment of rule 5.**—In rule 5 of the said rules,—

clause 8 shall be omitted;

4. **Amendment of rule 6.**—In rule 6 of the said rules, for the words "Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894", the words "provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (30 of 2013)" shall be substituted;

5. **Amendment of rule 7.**—In rule 7 of the said rules, for sub-rule (1) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1)The promoter shall have power to fix the rates of the carriage of passengers, animals and goods. The rates, so fixed by the promoter shall be intimated to the Inspector of aerial ropeways and Expert Committee to the Government" ; and

(b) in sub-rule (2) for the word "Government", the word "promoter" shall be substituted; and

6. **Insertion of rule 8-A.**—After rule 8 of the said rules, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"**8-A. Insurance cover**.—The State Government shall from time to time notify the rate of comprehensive insurance cover applicable to all ropeways in the State on the advice / recommendations of the Ropeways Expert Committee. The Ropeways Expert Committee shall keep in view that the comprehensive insurance cover is uniform irrespective of age and gender.

The promoter shall be bound to abide by the rates of comprehensive insurance cover and it will be the sole responsibility of the promoter to settle the insurance claim expeditiously without leaving the claimant to the mercy of the insurance company.".

7. **Amendment of rule 9.**—In rule 9 of the said rules after sub- rule(2), the following sub- rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"(3) The promoter after removal of the defects which led to the closure of the aerial ropeway under section 21 of the Act, shall apply through Inspector of Aerial Ropeways to the Government for sanctioning of the re-opening of aerial ropeway under sub-section 2 of Section 21 of the Act. The Inspector of Aerial Ropeways as well as the Ropeways Expert Committee shall inspect the aerial ropeway and after confirmation of the removal of the defects, which led to the closure of the aerial ropeway, recommend the re-opening of the aerial ropeway under sub-section 2 of Section 21 of the Act.".

8. **Insertion of rules 12-A, 12-B and 12-C.**—After rule 12 of the said rules, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:—

"**12-A. Contravention of bye-laws.**—Any person who contravenes the provisions of any bye-laws framed under section 27 of the Act shall be liable to fine, which may extend to any sum not exceeding five thousand rupees, the promoter's servant responsible for the same shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one month's pay, which may be deducted by the promoter from his pay.

12-B. Failure of the promoter to comply with the Act.—If a promoter fails to comply with any provision of the Act, he shall without prejudice to the enforcement of specific performance of the requirements of this Act or of any other remedy which may be enforced against him shall be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees one lakh and in case of a continuing offence the fine may extend to rupees fifty thousand for everyday during which the offender is proved to have committed the offence.

Further, if the promoter violates the provisions related to safety of the passengers/ropeway, as contained in the bye-laws, the inspector of Ropeways after consultation with the Ropeways Expert Committee shall recommend to the Government to cancel or terminate the license of the ropeway. The Government, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the promoter, if not satisfied, may suspend or cancel the license of the ropeway.".

12-C. Unlawful interference with the ropeway.—If any person unlawfully interferes with the aerial ropeway as enumerated in Section 35 of the Act he shall without prejudice to any other remedy which may be enforced against him in a Civil Court, be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees five lakh.".

9. Insertion of rules 14 to 23.—After rule 14 of the said rules, following rules and annexures shall be inserted, namely:—

"15. The standard dimensions and specifications for the aerial ropeways.—The standard dimensions and specifications for the aerial ropeways shall be as under:—

(1) **Design of ropeways**: A ropeway meant for use of carrying passengers, animals or goods shall be of relevant International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) codes and its components, systems, civil structures, wherever applicable Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) codes may be followed.

(2) **Minimum design load:** The ropeway should be designed to carry minimum of two passengers at a time and the dimensions of the carrier should be such that two passengers can sit comfortably.

(3) **Over loading**: The promoter shall not allow over loading of the carrier above the designed load which shall be exhibited at the site of ropeway.

(4) **Material:** The material used in the construction shall conform to Bureau of Indian standards.

(5) **Design of wire rope:** The size of the wire rope shall be worked out on the basis of detailed structural calculations and will depend upon the maximum number of passengers allowed to be carried at a time span and sag provided.

(6) **Minimum dia of wire rope**: In case of only one supporting cable, its diameter should be as actually worked out or 25 mm, whichever is greater.

(7) **Factor of safety:** While designing sizes of ropes, structural steel and other ropeway fillings, a factor of safety shall conform to the Bureau of Indian standards code and wherever required International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) code on case to case basis be adopted.

(8) **Safety measures for carrier:** All carriers shall be provided with appliances which will prevent the container from discharging its contents except at points where it is intended to discharge them.

(9) **Head way:** Where a ropeway is passed over a public road or a railway on which passengers are carried, a bridge under the ropeway shall be provided and maintained by the promoter and such bridge shall be so constructed as to prevent persons from being endangered by anything falling from the ropeway. The minimum clearance between the bridge and carrier shall be five meters.

(10) **Head way:** Where ropeway passes over a canal, khud or river, built up structures or buildings, the minimum clearance under the carrier shall be kept as five meters.

(11) **Guard rails:** The promoter shall provide guard rails at the entrance and exit of the ropeway for the safety of passengers.

(12) **Indicators:** Suitable indicators such as white, red coloured balls and red flags at *inter-se* distance of 100 meters (hundred meters) be provided along the path of the aerial ropeways so as to avoid collision of helicopters, aircrafts with the ropes of the aerial ropeway. The painting of trestles and other components of ropeway infrastructure for their identification by the helicopters, aircrafts and Para gliders under civil aviation norms be also made.

(13) **Safety measures:** The electrical lines and apparatus be protected as per general safety requirement under clause-12 of chapter-3 of Central Electricity Authority Regulation, 2010.

16. Safe and efficient working of aerial ropeways.—For safe and efficient working of aerial ropeways following steps should be followed:—

(1) **Signalling:** Reliable devices approved by the Inspector of aerial ropeways for signalling between the terminal and junction stations shall be provided.

(2) **Signalling:** For the purpose of giving signals on the ropeway the promoter or his representative shall appoint in writing persons to give the signals and shall satisfy himself that they are competent to give the signals and are familiar with code of signals in use.

(3) **Motive power:** The promoter will provide suitably designed motive powers, electrically driven, oil/ petrol driven and employ/engage trained operators for the purpose during operation hours of the ropeway and shall keep a suitable standby motive power arrangements as per relevant Bureau of Indian Standards code / Standardization (ISO)/ European Committee for Standardization (CEN) codes.

(4) **Manual operation:** In case of manual operated carriers, the promoter shall engage one trained operator on each end of the ropeway. The duration and duties of the operator, their pay and allowances and other arrangements for their welfare shall be governed by the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(5) **Lubrication:** All moving parts should be properly greased and oiled regularly.

(6) **Daily inspection:** A competent person appointed by the promoter or his representative shall daily inspect all posts, ropes, machinery, gear and other appliances and shall record in book to be kept for the purpose a true copy of the inspection stating what defect, if any, was noticed during the course of inspection.

(7) **Working of ropeway:** The ropeway shall not be worked unless the posts, rope, machinery, gear and other accessory appliances are in proper order.

(8) **Access to the carrier:** The promoter shall make access to the carrier for the convenience of the passengers.

(9) **Refusal of passengers:** The promoter shall not be bound to carry the passengers after the schedule hours of operation which shall be exhibited at site.

(10) **Communication:** The promoter shall provide communication system to maintain adequate verbal contact between the terminals and the passengers or other operational staff on board of all the cabins. The system may consist of:—

(a) Telephone.—All terminals shall be connected to the public telephone service.

(b) Wireless System.—A wireless communication system approved by the Department of telecommunication shall be provided in all the cabins for communication between the cabins and terminals.

(c) Public Address System.-The line of the Aerial Ropeway shall be provided with a public address system that is audible within the cabins from any point on the line.

17. **The manner of previous publication of bye-laws made under section 27.**— The promoter shall after consultation with the State Government, cause such bye-laws as he wants to be confirmed by the State Government to be published in two reputed dailies circulating in the State (*i.e.* one English daily and one vernacular) asking the general public to lodge their objection(s), if any, with the Collector of the illaqua within 20 days of the publication.

18. **Returns under section 28.**—The intervals at which a promoter shall submit returns of capital and revenue expenditure, receipts and traffic, in respect of aerial ropeway under section 28 and the forms in which such returns shall be submitted, shall be governed by the procedure laid down by the competent authority in consultation with Accountant General of Himachal Pradesh.

19. **The preparation, submission and auditing of the accounts of the promoter.**— In the case of a promoter other than the State Government the promoter's accounts shall be prepared, submitted and audited in consultation with the Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh.

20. **The method of arbitration for the settlement of disputes.**—All questions and disputes relating to the construction, operation, maintenance, rates, bye-laws, claims, rights or any other matter arising out of or in connection with the aerial ropeway, shall be referred to the sole arbitration of the Collector. If the collector is unable to act as an arbitrator, the dispute shall be referred to a sole arbitrator as

appointed by the Collector. It shall not be a valid objection to such appointment that the arbitrator is a Government servant. In the event the arbitrator originally appointed is transferred, vacates office or is otherwise unable to act for any reason, the Collector shall appoint a new arbitrator. The newly appointed arbitrator shall be entitled to proceed with the arbitration from the state at which it was left by his predecessor. The provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under these rules.

21. **The manner in which, and the conditions under which, the booking of goods may be permitted between an aerial ropeway and railway, tramway or another aerial ropeway.**—Goods may be booked between an aerial ropeway and a railway, tramway or another aerial ropeway only with prior written approval of the State Government or its authorised officer, in consultation with the Ministry of Railways. Such booking shall be governed by a mutual agreement between the operators, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and safety standards. The concerned operators shall enter into a written agreement detailing terms of transfer, safety procedures, liability and cost sharing.

22. **The manner in which notices under the Act shall be served.**—All notices required to be served under the Act, shall be served on the promoter either by the State Government, the Collector or by the inspector of aerial ropeways.

23. **The conditions under which, the manner in which, the powers conferred on promoters by section 14 and section 15 may be exercised.**—The powers conferred on the promoter with Section 14 and Section 15 of the Act shall be exercised by them after prior approval in writing received from the State Government, the Collector or by the Inspector aerial ropeways.".

10. Amendment of Annexures.—After rule 23 of the said rules, following shall be amended, namely:—

(a) Annexure-I shall be substituted

(b) Memorandum appended to the rules shall be omitted

(c) Annexures-II to IV shall be inserted

ANNEXURE-I

Application for permission to undertake the preliminary investigations
[*See* rule 3(1)]

To

The Inspector of Aerial Ropeways,

.....

.....Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

In pursuance of the provisions of section 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968, I/we hereby seek permission of the Himachal Pradesh Government to undertake the

necessary preliminary investigations for setting up an aerial ropeway at..... (Locality)..... Tehsil..... District....., Himachal Pradesh.

The requisite information as required under section 4 of the said Act is given hereunder:—

(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)

Yours faithfully,

Dated...

(Signatures and full address of the applicant(s).

ANNEXURE- II

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
[(*See* rule 3(4)]

SANCTION

No. PWD(C) ..... *Shimla-2, the...*

Whereas, M/s..... a company incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 /2013 had applied under section 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968, for permission to undertake the necessary preliminary investigations for setting up of a passenger/goods/animals aerial ropeway between ..... and.....in ..... District.....Himachal Pradesh, through Inspector of aerial ropeways-*cum*-Executive Engineer, HPPWD Mechanical Division..... .District..... Himachal Pradesh.

And whereas, the Inspector of aerial ropeways-*cum*-Executive Engineer, HP PWD Mechanical Division.....District..... Himachal Pradesh in consultation with the Ropeways Expert Committee has recommended to accord sanction under section 5 of the Act *ibid* to M/s..... (Name of Promoter)..... to make surveys, detailed estimates, plans and such other requirements as necessary for the full consideration of the proposal.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 of the Act *ibid* and subject to conditions *laid* therein, the State Government after due consideration of the conditions laid down in Section 4 of the Act ibid and recommendations of the Ropeways Expert Committee, hereby accord sanction to M/s.....(name of Promoter)..... to make surveys, detailed estimates, plans and such other requirements as necessary for the full consideration to the proposal for setting up of an aerial ropeway.

By order,

Secretary (PW).

ANNEXURE- III

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[*See* rule 3(4)]

NOTICE

No. PWD(C) ..... *Shimla-2, the...*

Whereas, an application has been received from M/s.....(Name of the promoter)....., requesting to issue final order in respect of construction of passenger ropeway between ..... and.....in ..... District.....Himachal Pradesh, for which an order for carrying out preliminary investigation under section 5 of Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeway Act, 1968 was issued;

And whereas, the State Government, *vide* its letter number dated ..... had conveyed its sanction under section 5 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 (7 of 1969) in favour of M/s.....(name of Promoter). ..... (hereinafter called "the promoter"), for making necessary surveys for the setting up of an aerial ropeway between ..... and.....;

And whereas, the promoter has submitted detailed plans and designs along with other relevant documents of the aforesaid project, and the State Government has considered the recommendations of the Ropeways Expert Committee.

And whereas, the State Government, after considering the conditions laid down in Section 5 of the Act *ibid* and in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 proposes to authorize the said promoter to construct aerial ropeway between ..... and.....subject to following restrictions and conditions:—

1.....

2.....

3.....

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Act *ibid*, the State Government hereby invites objection(s)/ suggestion(s) with respect to construction of ropeway between.....and..... ..... from all interested persons. The objection(s)/suggestion(s) if any, should be addressed to the Secretary (PW) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and should reached within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh. Any objection(s)/suggestion(s) with respect to the proposed ropeway received by the Secretary (PW) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh/State Government on or before the date specified above, the same shall be taken into consideration by the State Government before the final order is made and published under section 7 of the Act *ibid*.

By order,

Secretary (PW).

ANNEXURE- IV

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[*See* rule 3(4)]

ORDER

No. PWD(C) *Dated, Shimla-2, the*.....

Whereas, M/s..,(name of the promoter....., had applied for permission to construct a passenger aerial ropeway from ..... and .....;

And whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 6 of Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Act, 1968 (Act No. 7 of 1969), the State Government had invited the objections(s)/suggestion(s) *vide* this Government notice of No....., dated ....., published in the Himachal Pradesh Rajpatra, dated ..... in relation to the proposed aerial ropeway from all the interested persons within thirty days from the date of publication of the notice in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh;

And whereas ....number of objection(s)/suggestion(s) or no objection(s)/suggestion(s) have been received by the State Government within the stipulated period;

Now, therefore, (after the due consideration of objection(s)/ suggestion(s) / redressal of the same) the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 7 of the Act *ibid*, is pleased to authorize the construction of an aerial ropeway from ..... and ..... by ...(name of the promoter....., subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

1.....

2.....

By order,

DERVESH KUMAR,
Principal Secretary (PW).

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CORRIGENDUM

Dated, 30th January, 2026

No. BBNDA (06) Project SWMP file/2025/-748-754.—Refer to the earlier notification No. BBNDA-06-PMU File/SWMP-10017-28, dated 20-07-2023 and 12297-307, dated 06-11-2023 *vide* which rates for door to door Waste Collection to be paid by waste generators of different