

No. 14(9)/2018-D(Q&C)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, dated the 04th September, 2018.

To,

The Chief of the Army Staff
The Chief of the Naval Staff
The Chief of the Air Force Staff
✓ Director General, Defence Estates

Sub: Closure of Roads in Cantonments

Sir,

The matter of closure of roads in Cantonments has been considered in this Ministry. It is absolutely essential to follow the procedure prescribed in Section 258 of the Cantonments Act, 2006. No public road in the Cantonments shall be closed by the Local Military Authority (LMA) without following due procedure as set out below.

2. The procedure to be followed by Cantonment Boards for closure of roads in Cantonments shall be as under:-

(a) A notice carrying information about the closure of any road under Section 258 of the Cantonments Act, 2006 will be published in at least three local newspapers (including one in English) and on the website of concerned Cantonment Board for inviting claims / objections / suggestions from the local public.

(b) After due consideration of claims / objections / suggestions from the local public, the proposed order for road closure will be forwarded to Ministry of Defence for vetting in the format attached. (The Ministry of Defence shall vet and complete the process necessitated for the proposed closure of roads within 15 days of receipt, thereafter it shall be deemed as approved.) After vetting, a final order for closure of road will be issued by GOC-in-C of the concerned command or PDDE and published again in at least three local newspapers (including one in English language) and hosted on the website of Ministry of Defence and concerned Cantonment Board.

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(c) In case of any emergent security requirement in which the Local Military Authority or the Cantonment Board requires immediate closure of a road, temporary closure order may be issued by the Cantonment Board for a period not exceeding 14 days with the prior concurrence of GOC-in-C. The temporary closure of road will be announced by loudspeakers / hailers in maximum accessible areas of the Cantonment and published in the local newspapers at the earliest. The temporary closure of the road will be intimated to the VCOAS who in turn will inform the same to the Ministry of Defence. If the temporary closure of road is required to exceed beyond 14 days, the Cantonment Board / LMA will again seek prior concurrence of GOC-in-C with intimation to VCOAS and Ministry of Defence for extension.

3. For maintaining orderly traffic and ensuring speed limits within the Cantonments, the Local Military Authority may place rumble strips / road safety features at locations as deemed appropriate.

4. All road closures in Cantonments will be reviewed annually by the Cantonment Board and a report submitted to the GOC-in-C and the Ministry of Defence.

5. DGDE will publish a report annually on closure of roads and the same will also be uploaded on the website of Ministry of Defence.

6. This policy will be reviewed by Ministry of Defence after one year from the date of issue.

7. The above orders will supersede this Ministry's order No. 4(2)/2015-D(Q&C) dated 07 January 2015 and order No. 14(9)/2018-D(Q&C) dated 28 May 2018.


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(Harish Kumar)
Director (L&C)

Appendix

(Refer para 2(b) of letter No. 14(9)/2018-D(Q&C)
dated 04 September 2018.

FORMAT FOR ROAD CLOSURE FOR VETTING BY MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Name / Nomenclature of Road</u>	<u>Location From commencement to the end of the Road</u>	<u>No of Suggestions / Objections / Claims received</u>	<u>No of Suggestions / Objections / Claims resolved</u>	<u>Unresolved Claims / Objections if any with brief reasons</u>	<u>Remarks</u>