It has been frequently observed in the industrial areas of RIICO that Right of Way (RoW) is being misused by the entrepreneurs for dumping construction/raw material, manufactured products, garbage etc. which results in damage to roads and drains. This not only makes the areas look unkempt but also tantamounts to encroachment. Such an activity is prohibited under the rules and Lease Agreement.

The terms & conditions of the Lease Agreement stipulate that:

(a) “The Lessee shall not use any space in the industrial area other than demised premises for dumping/placing any construction material/raw material required for construction of factory for manufacturing item or for any product/waste and shall take all measures for proper disposal of waste material.” (clause 2(c))

(b) The Lessee will provide and maintain in good repairs a properly constructed approach road or path across drain to the satisfaction of the Lessor/Local Municipal Authority leading from the public road to the demised premises”. (clause 2(g))

RIICO Disposal of Land Rules 1979 provides that in the event of violation of any of the rules and conditions, allotment of the plot may be cancelled.

It is regretted that in spite of relevant provisions in rules, Unit Offices have not taken effective steps to prevent dumping by the Lessee on RoW and blocking the roads/drainage systems. On the other hand RIICO has to incur huge expenditure on cleaning and maintaining RoWs under the special maintenance budget.
All the Unit Heads are hereby directed to ensure compliance of rules and conditions w.r.t. their industrial areas. Legal Action against defaulting entrepreneurs should be taken under the relevant provisions of lease agreement and/or Land Disposal Rules. Lessee must be informed that additional cost on removal of waste material dumped shall be recovered from them. Industrial Associations should be involved to ensure cleanliness and safety of their areas.

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