

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

**RBA No. 19/2017**

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New Delhi,

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**FA&CAOs,  
All Zonal Railways.**

**Sub: Appointment of Nodal Railways for various modules in IPAS.**

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During implementation stage of Integrated Payroll Accounting System (IPAS) application software developed by Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), Railways had been addressing to this Ministry and also to CRIS for incorporating additional features, requirement of additional reports and modifications to the existing IPAS module. Board would forward such references to CRIS to examine the technical feasibility for providing additional fields in IPAS module to meet requirement of Railways.

In this regard, CRIS had advised that on many of the issues, the requests of Railways are related to standardization of IPAS module. To overcome the issues raised by Railways expeditiously, CRIS had advised to appoint some of the Zonal Railways as Nodal Railway which may be allotted particular module/s to study the suggestions, modifications to the existing functionalities/features/reports etc. given by the other Railways in terms of existing guidelines, rules and regulations. Accordingly, in order to resolve the issues and incorporate the suggestions of the Railways related to various modules of IPAS, some of the Zonal Railways were nominated as Nodal Railway and were allotted particular module/s to study the suggestions, modifications to the existing functionalities/features/reports etc. given by the other Railways in terms of existing guidelines/features/reports etc. vide Board's letter of even no. dated 05.10.2016 (**RBA No.73/2016**).

The letter *ibid* defines the role of Zonal Railways, Nodal Railways, CRIS and Railway Board to deal with the issues concerning various modules of IPAS. However, it is observed that the procedure laid down in Board's letter referred to above is not being rigorously followed by the Zonal Railways/Nodal Railways and issues concerning IPAS module are still being referred to Board instead of nominated Nodal Railway. This has been causing undue delay to the up-gradation of IPAS software. In order to ensure strict compliance of the procedure laid down earlier vide letter referred to above, the instructions are being reiterated defining apparent role on the part of user i.e Railway, Nodal Railway, CRIS and Board as detailed below:-

- 1. Role of Zonal Railway :** Any suggestion of Railway for incorporating additional features, requirement of additional reports and modifications to the existing IPAS module will be addressed to Nodal Railway appointed for that particular module/s with the approval of FA&CAO, endorsing copy thereof to Board. Railway will continue to follow with Nodal Railway till technical feasibility of incorporating suggestion/modification in IPAS is advised by Nodal Railway. Monthly position of Module wise references made to Nodal Railway may be advised in the performa enclosed (**Annexure-I**) to Adviser (**Accounts**), Railway Board, through D.O. letter.
- 2. Role of Nodal Railway:** Nodal Railway in turn will study the suggestions, modifications to the existing functionalities/features/reports etc. given by the other Railways in terms of existing guidelines, rules and regulations and after examining would suggest modifications/changes to be made in the IPAS module to

