

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

R.B. Accounts 2/2003

No.2003/AC-II/17/3

New Delhi, Dated 27/8/03.

General Manager.

All Zonal Railways/PUs etc.

CR, ER, NR, NER, NFR, SR, SCR, SER, WR, ECR, WCR, NWR, SECR, SWR, EOR,  
Sub:- Finalisation of Draft Paras. NCR, DCW, DLW, CLW, ICF, RCF, RDSO, W  
COFMOU, MTP/Mumbai, MTP/Kolkata, MTP/Chennai  
Metw Ry, Kolkata, CORE/ALD.


At present replies to Draft Para, framed by Railways are forwarded to Principal Director of Audit, Zonal Railways/Production Units only after Railway Board's approval. In order to expedite the process of finalisation of these draft paras as also to make the discussions between Principal Directors of Audit and General Managers/FA&CAOs more effective, Board have now decided to delegate powers to General Managers of Zonal Railways/PUs to send replies to Draft Paras after vetting by FA&CAO to Principal Director of Audit where the cause of audit objection as also the remedial/corrective measures are within the control of individual Railway. In such cases, the approval of Railway Board need not be obtained.

Consequent upon the delegation ibid, the existing time target of eight weeks for reply to such Draft Paras shall also stand reduced to six weeks. A copy of the reply sent to Principal Director of Audit may also be sent to Board's office. However, draft paras involving more than one Railway/Unit shall continue to be dealt with as at present and the reply thereto will be forwarded to Principal Directors of Audit, Zonal Railways/Production Units, only after clearance from Board's Office within eight weeks.

Kindly ensure that the procedure ibid is followed scrupulously. These instructions shall also apply for all draft paras outstanding on Railways on the date of issue of these instructions. Railways may, therefore, carry out a review of existing draft paras and in cases where no other railway is involved and where the cause of audit objection as also the remedial/corrective measures are within the control of individual railway, the reply may be sent to PDA accordingly. Further, in order to facilitate monitoring of disposal of Draft Paras by Railways, a monthly statement in the enclosed format may be sent to the Director Finance (BC) by 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

DA: As above.

  
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Railway Board.

Annexure.

Statement showing the position of Draft Para outstanding on ----- Railway for the month ending -----.

Opening Balance (old Outstanding) Draft Para No.	Date of Issue	Accretion during the month		Date of reply sent to PDA	Delay (in weeks)	Reasons for the delay if any	Closing Balance
		Draft Para No.	Date of Issue				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8