

Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No. 91/Chg.II/13/23 (Policy)

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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

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Sub:- Provision/withdrawal of stoppage of Mail/
Express trains - Traffic justification.

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A number of requests are being received for providing stoppages of Mail/Express trains from not only public and legislators but also now-a-days from Railways themselves. In many cases FAX messages are sent stating that the stoppage is to be given in a matter of 2-3 days as there is public pressure or a commitment already given. No analysis or justification has been made out by the Railways while seeking Board's approval.

2. Ministry of Railways desire that Zonal Railways should, as a matter of rule, avoid making such references and send a complete proposal with proper justification. In this regard, please refer to Board's letter No. 82/Chg.II/13/8/Policy dt. 06.01.1987 (copy enclosed). Each Railway should keep this in mind and furnish the requisite statistics and justification. It should also be borne in mind that ticket sales in one direction may not always be a true indicator and, therefore, the MST, warrants, Pass holders and also the number of passengers detraining etc. should be assessed before recommending for provision or withdrawal of stoppages of Mail/Express trains. In case of a Superfast trains, Railways should keep in view that additional stoppages will bring down the average speed of the train resulting in loss of Superfast surcharge.

3. Each proposal for provision/withdrawal of stoppages should have the GM's approval.

4. Please acknowledge receipt.

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