

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

**No. 2015/H/4/1/Drug Procurement Policy**

**New Delhi, dated: 19.04.2018**

**Principal Chief Medical Directors  
All Indian Railways  
&  
Chief Medical Officers  
All PUs (including RDSO, Lucknow).**


**Sub: Implementation of iMMIS on Indian Railways and adoption of unified PL  
No. on Indian Railways—regarding.**

**Ref: Western Railway's letter No. MD 185/0 (IREPS) dated 04.04.2018.**

A copy of Western Railway's letter cited under reference is enclosed herewith. In this context, it has been decided that the system evolved by South Central Railway, which is working satisfactorily and found to be suitable, may be adopted by all the Zones/PUs for deciding the identification of medical inventories.

In view of above, it is desired that the PL No. developed by South Central Railway may be adopted by all Zones/PUs to avoid confusion.

This has the approval of Director General (RHS).

  
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No. MD 185/0 (IREPS)

Director General (Railway Health Services)  
Railway Board, New Delhi

Sub: Implementation of iMMIS on Western Railway and adoption of unified PL No. on Indian Railways

Western Railway has initiated implementation of iMMIS for stock management of medical department since 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. The stock position has been uploaded on the CRIS website and requisite USER IDs have been created for all divisions, Jagjivan Ram Hospital and Workshop Hospital Dahod.

As on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 morning, it was informed on telephone that the implementation of iMMIS has to be stopped as per instructions received from Railway Board. There is plan for implementing unified PL Number system across all zones of Indian Railways. **As per instructions from Railway Board on telephone, Western Railway will adopt the PL Numbering system of South Central Railway in iMMIS implementation.**

In this regard, in consultation with Stores Department, WR and GGM CRIS, we had analyzed the system of assigning PL Numbers of South Central and Western Railways. The following observations are being placed for your perusal please.

1. South Central Railway has been using the iMMIS system since two years. They have adopted a PL numbering code of having all medical items listed and giving a single serial number sequence.
2. Western Railway method of assigning PL Numbers is as follows. The Indian Railway Pharmacopeia was analyzed and duplicates were removed. The PL numbers were assigned 8 digits with following logic - 82 XX XXX X
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> two numbers: 82 – As per logic of PL Numbers of Stores for medical items.
  - o Next 2 numbers: Two digit code of the Chapters of Indian Railway Pharmacopeia. Eg 01 – Anesthetics, 03 for NSAID, 10 for diabetic medicines and so on.
  - o Next three Digits: In each group, the medicines were arranged alphabetically and given serial numbers from 001 to 999. Thus each group can have about 1000 items listed.
  - o Last Digit: This was assigned as "0" by default. In the event that the same medicine is required of different formulation, the last digit can change from 0 – 9; eg Tab Aspirin 75mg Gastric resistant – 82 03 XXX 0, Tab Aspirin 75mg Dispersible – 82 03 XXX 1, Tab Aspirin 75mg Delayed release – 82 03 XXX 2.

Hence it is recommended that the Western Railway system of assigning PL Numbers, being more suitable and scientific, may please be adopted over Indian Railways.

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