GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)  

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Sub: Classification of certain Commodities.  

With reference to your above communication regarding classification of certain commodities, the issues have been examined by the competent authority in Boards office.

As regards commodity “Ochre”, it has already been clarified vide Boards letter No TCR/1015/2009/2 dated 07.09.2009 to charge the commodity under Main Commodity Head “Clay and sand” at class 150 T/L. Commodities Hydrated Lime, Talc, Potash Feldspar, Soda Feldspar, Wollastonite are basically Minerals and Ores, which are restricted for movement in containers.

In view of Para 2.0 of the guiding principles of Goods Tariff No 45 Part-1, Vol II (Quote “the classification of different commodities under the Main Commodity Head given in the Goods Tariff, if not explicitly mentioned otherwise, will be the same for their different physical forms/types and different conditions (whether raw or manufactured etc” Unquote); commodity Iron Mill Scale should be charged under Main Commodity Head “Iron and Steel” at class 180 (T/L), Quartz powder as “Brick and Stone” at class 150 (T/L) and Brick Earth as “Clay and Sand” at class 150 (T/L).

In order to better appreciate the issue of other commodities referred to in your letter, Railway may send their justification for classifying the commodities along with traffic details of the loading of these commodities both in containers and conventional wagons for the last two years for consideration of the Board.

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Enclosure