

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

NO. TCR/1078/81/2

New Delhi, dated the 21st February, 1981

The General Managers, ( IN TRIPLICATE )  
Indian Railways.

Sub: Adjustments in freight rates  
effective from 1st April, 1981.

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1.1 As announced by the Minister for Railways in his Budget Speech in Parliament on the 19th instant, it is proposed to levy additional supplementary charge of 15% in the existing freight charges on all goods traffic, whether in wagon loads or smalls, including livestock, but excluding Salt N.O.C., Firewood and Charcoal.

1.2 This additional supplementary charge shall be effective from 1st April, 1981.

1.3 It will be recalled that the levy of a supplementary charge of 15% was introduced on all goods traffic (including livestock) with effect from 15-7-1980 except those commodities shown in Annexure-I. It is clarified that these commodities will continue to enjoy the exemption of 15% supplementary charge which was introduced from 15-7-1980. In the case of these commodities, supplementary charge now being introduced with effect from 1-4-1981 will be levied excepting Salt N.O.C., Firewood and Charcoal.

1.4 The additional supplementary charge of 15% leviable from 1-4-1981 should be levied on the total freight charges inclusive of the 15% supplementary charge introduced from 15-7-1980, wherever applicable, subject to the exemptions given in para 1.3 above.

2. Additional Supplementary Charge on Other Charges:

2.1 The additional supplementary charge is leviable on the transshipment charge, special charge on liquids in bulk involving break of gauge transshipment, minimum charge where freight charge leviable is the minimum charge, siding (placement) charge and shunting charges, infringement charges, crane charges, crane haulage charges, charges on guard or dummy wagons, haulage charges on wagons booked from one siding to another in the same station area, haulage charges on elephant wagons, haulage charges on wagons requiring reweighment and haulage charges on engines and wagons and special trains on private account or loaned to private parties.

2.2 In the case of commodities, which have been exempted vide para 1 above, the proposed additional supplementary charge will not be leviable on their transshipment charges.

3. Concessions to goods traffic to/from stations falling in the States of Assam and North-Eastern Region:

As announced by the Minister of Railways in his Budget Speech, a 6% concession on Railway Freight will be allowed on all goods traffic booked via Howrah area to/from stations falling in the State of Assam and other North Eastern States. This concession will be allowed on the total freight from the forwarding station to the destination. Northeast Frontier Railway should immediately notify the names of all the stations falling in the States of Assam and other North Eastern States to all other Zonal Railways to facilitate the recovery of correct freight charges. Detailed instructions in this regard will follow.

4. Additional supplementary charge on station to station rates:

The additional supplementary charge is also leviable on all traffic booked under station to station rates inclusive of supplementary charge now in force except those quoted under orders of the Railway Rates Tribunal. As regards the special rates quoted in compliance with an order made by the Tribunal, the decision as to whether the supplementary charge is leviable or not will depend on the wordings used in the operative part of the order of the Tribunal.

5. Other Traffic/Charges exempted from the levy of additional supplementary charge:

- (a) Military Traffic for which separate instructions will follow.
- (b) Railway Materials and Stores booked at RMC rates and Railway Coal.
- (c) Postal Traffic, as detailed in Annexure-II to this letter; whether freight is paid in cash or credit notes.
- (d) Local charges leviable over the Port Trust Railways.
- (e) Out-agency charges, City Booking Office/Agency charges, Percentage charges on value, Demurrage and Wharfage charges, Reweightment charges, Central Cesses on Coal and Coke, Customs examination charges and charges for loading and unloading provided for in Rule No. 129 of the I.R.C.A. Goods Tariff No. 35 Part-I (Volume-I).

6. Rounding off of additional supplementary charge:

The additional supplementary charge will be on the rounded off total charges, as at present leviable, and further rounding off, after adding the additional supplementary charge, will be as per the existing rule, that is, fraction of a rupee less than 50 paise should be dropped and fraction of 50 paise and above should be reckoned as a whole rupee.

7. Memorandum explaining proposals circulated in Parliament:

A copy of the Memorandum explaining the proposals for adjustments in freight rates and fares, which has been circulated to the Members of Parliament along with the Minister's Budget Speech is sent herewith.

8. This is Advance Intimation:

This letter issues as an advance intimation of the proposed adjustments in freight rates. A draft circular should be kept ready but should be finally issued only after the receipt of Board's sanction in the matter.

Steps should be taken to ensure that the staff fully understand the changes and implement them properly.

For this purpose, an adequate number of Officers, Inspectors and other staff should make themselves thoroughly familiar with the changes so that they can explain the same to the staff.

Receipt of this communication may please be acknowledged by wireless in the meantime.

( Hindi version will follow. )

*C.P. Chandrasekaran*

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DY. DIRECTOR, TRAFFIC COMMERCIAL (R),  
RAILWAY BOARD.

DA: As above.

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New Delhi, dated the 21st February, 1981

Copy forwarded to Shri Chief Commercial Superintendent, Railway, along with a copy of the Memorandum explaining the proposals for adjustments in freight rates for initiating necessary action in the matter as detailed in para 8 above.

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i) Copy (with 2 spares) together with a copy of the Memorandum referred to above, forwarded to the General Secretary, I.R.C.A., New Delhi, for information and necessary action. Receipt of this endorsement may please be acknowledged.

ii) Copy to the Principal, Railway Staff College, Baroda.

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New Delhi, dated the 21st February, 1981

Copy, together with the Memorandum, referred to above, forwarded to all Non-Government Railways. In case they desire that the supplementary charge for goods traffic proposed by the Minister for Railways should also apply over their Railways, they are requested to apply for sanction furnishing necessary justification.

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DA: As above.

Copy to:

F(S) III, TC-I, TC-II, TC-III, TC-IV, Stat (CA), E.A., Stat-V,  
Stat-II, Fuel. Budget, TC (M&S), TG-IV, Economic Cell  
and Stat (Econ).

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Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)  
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)  
(Railway Board)

D.O. No. TCR/1078/81/2

New Delhi, dated 23rd February, 1981

Dear Shri

Please refer to Board's letter No. TCR/1078/81/2 dated the 21st instant detailing the adjustments in freight rates proposed to be effected from 1-4-1981. It is necessary that the staff understand the changes to be effected in freight rates from 1-4-1981 and levy correct freight charges. Further, a number of changes in classification and weight condition has been made recently. For example, the classifications of coal, iron and steel, POL products and cement were enhanced with effect from 24-1-1981. The minimum weight for charge for coal, iron ore, manganese ore, lime stone, dolomite, gypsum, sand and stones loaded in BOX wagons was revised from CC + 2 tonnes to CC + 5 tonnes. The minimum weight for charge for traffic chargeable on CC of the wagon when loaded in CRT wagons was enhanced from CC to CC + 2 tonnes. With a view to avoiding undercharging and the consequent audit criticism, it is desirable to ensure that staff have been levying freight charges at the correct classification and weight condition.

I, therefore, request you to kindly depute your Inspectors both Rates and Marketing and Sales - to visit during the period from 15-3-1981 to 15-4-1981 all stations and goods sheds whose earnings are more than Rs. 1 crore per annum in the case of B.G. and Rs. 50 lakhs per annum in the case of M.G. and check up whether the staff have understood the changes to be brought about in freight rates from 1-4-1981 and whether they have been levying freight charges at the correct classification and weight conditions. A confirmation that all important stations/goods sheds have been visited by the Inspectors may be sent by 25-4-1981 indicating the names of stations/goods sheds visited.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter in the meantime.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shri  
Chief Commercial Superintendent,

