Government of India
Ministry of Railways
Railway Board

No.TC-I/88/8/4

New Delhi, dt. 8.10.2012

Chief Commercial Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Issue of combined reservation tickets to Defence personnel

Please refer to Board's letter No.TC-I/88/8/4 dt.06.10.2008 (copy enclosed at Annexure-I) vide which a clarification has been issued regarding issue of combined reservation tickets to Defence personnel.

Defence authority has complained that some Zonal Railways are not following the Board's afore-mentioned instruction. In this regard a copy of letter dt.08.08.2012 from DDGM, General Staff Branch, M/o of Defence is enclosed herewith (Annexure-II).

It is requested that all concerned may please be advised to ensure the compliance of afore-mentioned Board's instruction.

(Aashima Mehrotra)
Director, Traffic Commercial (Rates)
Railway Board
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SWR has sought a clarification regarding issue of combined tickets to defence personnel. Brief details of the case and clarification thereupon are given below:

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<td>Ministry of Defence have allowed defence personnel to travel by Rajdhani/Shatabdi even in case travel is performed partly by Rajdhani/Shatabdi and partly by other trains/modes of transport subject to the condition that the journey is performed by the shortest routes.</td>
<td>Ministry of Defence vide their letter No.12647/CT/MovC dt.22.8.08 (copy enclosed) has advised that suitable instructions have been issued by Office of CGDA to PC of A(Fys) to admit bills of the Railways for reimbursement even in case the Rajdhani leg of journey is a longer route, as long as the train directly connects the station in question.</td>
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SWR has mentioned that prior to introduction of 2649 YPR-NZM Sampark Kranti Express, combined tickets to defence personnel involving journey by Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains covering different leg of journey on a single warrant were being issued. The distance between SBC and NDLs by train 2649 YPR-NZM Sampark Kranti Express is lesser by 133 Kms. as compared to Rajdhani route. Therefore, SWR is not issuing combined tickets involving two legs of journey by Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express keeping in view of the above rule of M/o Defence.

In view of above, it is clarified that combined tickets may now be issued on single journey warrants/vouchers involving
combined tickets to defence personnel involving journey by Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express can be issued by train 2429 SBC-NDLS Rajdhani Express.

travel by Rajdhani trains as per above mentioned advice of M/o Defence.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of the Ministry of Railways.

(This disperses off SWR's letter No.C.518/Corresp/OnPRS/Defence/07 dt.30.11.07)

(Dr. Monica Agnihotri)
Director Passenger Marketing
Railway Board

No.TC-I/88/8/4.
New Delhi, dt. 6.10.2008

Copy to:

1. FA&CAOs, All Indian Railways
2. Dy.C&AG (Rly), Room No.222, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

For Financial Commissioner/Railways

No.TC-I/88/8/4.
New Delhi, dt. 6.10.2008

Copy to:

1. CCM(PS), SWR, Hubli

(Dr. Monica Agnihotri)
Director Passenger Marketing
Railway Board
MEETING BETWEEN DEFENCE AND RAILWAY BOARD

Dear Mr. Gujarati,

1. This Directorate is dealing with the Movements of Defence personnel and Stores by Railways both during operations and peace time.

2. I am writing to you with a request to facilitate a meeting between Additional Director General Movements (Officer of the rank of Major General) and appropriate representatives of Railway Board to address certain critical issues affecting the operational / peace time movements of Defence Forces. Further to the last meeting on 13 Apr 2011 at Rail Bhawan, the details of agenda points for the now proposed meeting are enclosed. The issues raised require deliberation at the earliest possible.

3. May I request you to confirm the schedule of the proposed meeting at the earliest.

With good wishes,

[Signature]

Enclosure: As above (13 Pages)

Copy to:

Mr. Hitesh Mina
IRTS, DDG RM
Mil Rail

- For information and necessary liaison with Railway Board to facilitate the proposed meeting. Copy of Agenda Points are enclosed.
2. The matter was discussed in the last Conference on 13 April 2011 and we were advised to project the case afresh for consideration of the Railway Board. The case was projected vide this Headquarters letter No 12677/Mov C dated 21 Apr 2011 and reminders were issued on 13 Sep 11, 28 Dec 11 and 06 Feb 12 to Director Passenger Marketing. Reply is still awaited.

3. **Recommendations.** It is recommended that the Board amend its policy in order to allow booking in Tatkal quota on Warrants to Defence commuters.

### ISSUE OF COMBINED TICKET ON SINGLE WARRANT

4. **Background.** Railway Board Circular No TC-1/88/8/4 dated 01 Oct 2008 states that combined ticket will be issued on a single warrant when the journey involves one leg of journey by Rajdhani train. It has been reported that some PRSs like PRS Jamnagar are not extending this facility, causing inconvenience to Defence commuters.

5. **Recommendations.** It is requested that corrective action be taken by the Railway Board in this regard.

### RESERVATION ON WARRANTS IN ENTITLED CLASS OF TRAVEL

6. **Background.** Service personnel generally travel on return warrants. When the time for onward journey reservation is less, berths may not be available in the entitled class and the Defence commuter perforce has to book his onward journey in a lower class wherein berths are available. However, this results in the personnel being forced to travel in the same lower class of travel even on his return journey, although berths in the entitled class may be available, since the onward journey ticket has been issued in the lower class of travel.

7. **Recommendations.** The service personnel should be able to travel in the entitled class for return journey (in case reservation in that class is available) on the same warrant, even if he/she has travelled in a lower class for onward journey. Railway Board is requested to make suitable procedural/software changes to rectify this anomaly.

### AGENDA POINT NO - 10

#### TOTAL NO OF ATTENDANTS ALLOWED IN SALOON

1. **Background.** As per Appendix-II/1 to Rule 201 of Military Tariff No 6 Volume-I, payment for haulage charges for carriages (Saloons) reserved for High Officials of Defence Services when travelling on duty by railways is to be made on Warrant Form ‘C’ IAFT 1707A wherein, total No of persons (other than attendants) travelling in the reserved Saloon including the High Official shall not exceed four.