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Sub: Uniform working hours and business hours for goods sheds and sidings-incentive for extended working hours and immediate removal of goods

Ref: Board’s letters listed below:-
   i) No.TC-I/94/114/1-pt.dt.11.10.2004 Rates Circular No.40 of 2004

Please refer to SER’s letter No.OP.56/2(Pt.) dt.17.05.2013 wherein inter alia referring to Board’s letter No.TC-I/94/114/1Pt.A dt.10.12.2008, a clarification has been sought whether the term ‘siding’ includes ‘private siding and public siding’ both or otherwise.

Extant guidelines on the subject matter are stipulated vide Board’s letters under reference. Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 speaks about applicability of ‘incentive’ in the case of ‘railway premises’ and Rates Circular No.29 of 2006 says that the incentive is not applicable in case of ‘private and assisted sidings’. As per Para 2523 of Indian Railway Commercial Manual, ‘Public Siding’ is a ‘railway siding’ used by all rail users desirous of using it. Thus, the extant instructions are self explanatory.

SER is advised to read the extant instructions carefully and avoid such a reference in future.

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