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Sub: Applicability of the incentive for reckoning only 50% of the time during extended working hours beyond 2200 as free time
Ref: Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004

Please refer to SCR's letter No.C.200/RGI/Audit Para/2014 dt.26.02.2014 wherein inter alia referring to an Audit observation, a clarification has been sought regarding applicability of the incentive of reckoning only 50% of the time during extended working hours beyond 2200 as free time, as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004.

It is seen that Audit observation is about loading/unloading activity by rail users during extended night hours, a precondition, for application of the afore-said incentive.

It is pertinent to mention that provision for reckoning only 50% of the time during extended working hours beyond 2200 as free time, has been introduced as an introductory incentive to gradually motivate rail customers as well as Zonal Railways towards 'round the clock working' over all terminals to reduce the detention of Railway's rolling stock and also to improve the wagon-turn-round. This rule has been made to incentivize/motivate the party to release the rakes early. Therefore, Board's guidelines do not prescribe any precondition for applicability of afore-said incentive.

Audit may be replied accordingly.

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