Chief Commercial Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Detention charges in case of load adjustment/detachment of overloaded wagons
Ref: Rates Master Circular/Weighment/2014/0

A reference has been received from one of the Zonal Railways seeking clarification whether Detention Charge leviable for load adjustment/detachment of overloaded wagon(s) can be increased upto six times of the normal Demurrage rate.

It is to advise that the procedure to deal with wagon(s) found overloaded after weighment and levy of Detention Charge are contained in Para 4.0 of Rates Master Circular under reference. As per the circular, in case of gross overloading where load adjustment/detachment of overloaded wagon(s) has to be resorted to, then ‘Charges for detention of the rake’ will be levied from the time of completion of weighment to the time of completion of load adjustment/detachment and it will be calculated at the prevailing rate of Demurrage Charge on entire group of wagons in the rake. The Detention Charge is not waivable.

In view of above, there is no provision available to the Zonal Railways either to increase the rate of Detention Charge or waive it.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of Ministry of Railways.

(This disposes off SER’s letter No.R/Cow/67/479(Policy) dt.03.07.15)

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