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Sub: Routing and charging of Goods Traffic – via longer route than rationalised route

Guidelines as under Rule 125 of the Goods Tariff no. 41, Part-I, Vol.I have been examined in relation to policy guidelines on Rationalization Scheme.

Para 3 of Rule 125 empowers Central Government to issue an order under section 71(1) (b) of Railways Act 1989- that goods specified in the order can be carried by a route specified therein, the goods will be changeable by the specified route even if it is not the shortest route.

Rationalization Scheme is notified from time to time by TT Directorate under section 71(1) (b) of Railways Act 1989.

It is clarified that booking and charging of a consignment via longer than the rationalised route is permitted; i.e. the customer may choose to book (and pay) either via rationalised route or via route longer than rationalised route; subject to operational feasibility assessment by Zonal Railway (COM/CFTM). Zonal Railway shall notify such routes under advise to TT directorate and FOIS. In case of booking via longer route, the charging shall be via longer route as well.

This issues in consultation with TT Directorate.

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