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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
 MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
 (RAILWAY BOARD)

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No. TCI/1089/75/7.

New Delhi,

Dated 20.1.1979.

The General Managers,
 All Indian Railways.

Sub: Fixation of siding charges for railway sidings.

A reference has been made to the Board for clarification whether interest, maintenance and depreciation charges are to be recovered while fixing siding charge in case of

- (i) railway sidings which were initially provided for the use of Departments but later on, serve certain parties; and
- (ii) assisted and private sidings initially provided by the Railway and later taken over by the Railway and worked as Railway sidings.

It is clarified that in respect of item (i) above, interest, depreciation and maintenance charges need not be recovered, if freight is charged on the basis of distance upto the siding. If however freight is not recovered upto the siding, siding charge has to be fixed suitably after taking the elements of interest, maintenance and depreciation charges into consideration.

As regards item (ii) above, interest maintenance and depreciation charges should be recovered from the parties while fixing siding charge. The Railway may however waive interest maintenance and depreciation charges on the following grounds:-

- (i) if there is no capacity at the sidings nominated for public use for handling the extra traffic for the parties;
- (ii) where the railway would have to undergo substantial extra expenditure at the goods station in case the parties were to use the public goods shed/siding facilities; and
- (iii) where there is otherwise risk of diversion of traffic to other modes of transport and consequent loss to the Railway.

Action may be taken accordingly.

Please acknowledge receipt.

This disposes of Central Railway's letter No. C699-R/II dated 21.3.77.

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