The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Subject: Guidelines regarding transportation of relief material to flood-affected state of Kerala
Ref: Railway Board letter of even no. dt 18.08.2018

In continuation to above referred letter, Indian Railway has now decided to permit inter-state and intra-state free transport for aid and relief material by goods trains also, including in less than standard composition rakes, to Kerala in wake of recent floods. It may be noted that no freight is to be charged for transportation of relief material to Kerala; i.e. to all stations in Kerala, as of now.

All Government organizations across the country can book relief material for free of cost to Kerala. Other organizations, as deemed fit by Divisional Railway Managers, may also avail of this provision. However, it may be ensured that consignor/consignee is District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner in whose jurisdiction the dispatching/receiving station is situated.

All concerned may be advised that at the time of preparing Forwarding Note in TMS application, the Rate Type column shall be chosen as F-FREE TRAFFIC with a remark in as relief material for Kerala. All such movement must be done with DRMs’ approval. In addition, all Zonal Railways must ensure detailed account of movement of relief material, along with manually calculated freight charges for future use, if any.

Further, since the transportation of relief material shall be undertaken free of charge, therefore no ancillary charges like demurrage/wharfage, etc. or others are to be charged on the same.

Notwithstanding anything above, Central Government/Indian Railway shall reserve the right to take appropriate decisions as per extant policy on subject of transportation of relief material.

These guidelines shall remain effective till 31 August 2018 or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

This issues with approval of TT and Finance directorate of Ministry of Railway.

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New Delhi, dated 20.08.2018
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for Financial Commissioner (Railways)

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