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Date 03.05.2019

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Subject: Guidelines regarding transportation of relief material to cyclone ‘Fani’ affected States of West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh

Indian Railway has decided to permit inter-state and intra-state free transport for aid and relief material by coaching trains (Parcel van/VP/SLR etc) and goods trains, including in less than standard composition rakes, to cyclone ‘Fani’ affected States of West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. It may be noted that no freight is to be charged for transportation of relief material to affected States of West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, at this stage.

All Government organizations across the country can book relief material free of cost to aforementioned affected states. 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 as “relief material for States of West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh affected by cyclone ‘Fani’”.

All consignments in passenger carrying trains through parcel vans as well as intra-state coaching trains carrying relief material shall be covered under these guidelines, so as to ensure faster transit.

DRMs have been empowered to take decisions on further necessary action including attaching additional bogies/coaches/vans to various trains bound to these States. However, it would be preferable not to load the relief material in usual parcel vans, but in separate vans/coaches.

In addition, all Zonal Railways must ensure detailed account of movement of relief material, along with manually calculated freight/parcel charges etc for future use, if any.

Further, no ancillary charges like demurrage/wharfage, etc. or others are to be charged for transportation of relief material.

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 from on date till 02June’2019 or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

This issues with approval of Traffic Transportation and Finance directorate of Ministry of Railway.

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