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Sub: Levy of Punitive Charges for overloading of Coal and Coke commodity
Ref: SCR’s letter No.C.473/RG/PC/2019 dt.06.06.2019

Please refer to SCR’s letter under reference wherein Railway has mentioned about an anomaly in certain distance slabs of Class 145A and 145B as compared to Class 200 and has sought clarification regarding levy of Punitive Charge.

The matter has been examined. The freight structure of Coal and Coke commodities at Class 145A and Class 145B are distinct and charges like Busy Season Surcharge and Development Charge are not leviable on this traffic, which is leviable on other traffic.

The anomaly as reported by SCR is not an anomaly. This is due to the distinct feature of the freight structure. The freight structure of Class 145A and 145B is the conscious decision of Board based on detailed deliberation and consultation with different stake holders.

Punitive Charge should be levied as per extant rules. It may be noted that overloading endangers safety and Punitive Charge is a deterrent against such menace. Time and again, Zonal Railways have been advised to study the trends of cases of overloading duly investigating the field situation and take necessary remedial measures. These instructions are reiterated.

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