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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
RAILWAY BOARD

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Chief Commercial Managers
All Indian Railways

Sub: Calculation of chargeable inter station distances.

In terms of para 429(d) of Railway Works Manual, inter station distances are always calculated with reference to the nominated and earmarked centre line of station building of respective stations.

Instances have come to the notice of Board that some Railways are notifying the chargeable inter station distances via bye pass lines/cabin of station instead of from centre line of the station. This practice not only violates the existing procedure for notifying the chargeable inter station distances but also result into wrong charging.

Matter has been examined. It has been decided to issue a clarification in the matter as per the following so as to bring uniformity/avoid any confusion in notification of inter station chargeable distances.

- (i) For all stations, the centre of station building acts as the reference point for yard plans, inter-station distances, chargeable distances etc. The reference point shall prominently marked with an engraved vertical arrow on the external walls of the station building with the caption "CENTRE LINE OF STATION" engraved below it. The location represents a fixed reference point and shall not be altered if the station building is subsequently extended, altered or rebuilt.
- (ii) The centre line of a station acts as the single reference point for chargeable distances, to avoid ambiguity and multiplicity of distances in respect to various installation at a station. When bye-pass lines are made for operational convenience, avoiding the main stations, but joining in the same station yard, distances are not to be notified for charging through such bye pass lines.
- (iii) Even though traffic may actually move on a bypass line same should not be notified for charging of traffic in view of the well established principle that inter station distance are measured only in reference to the nominated and earmarked Centre Line of the station buildings of the adjoining stations. The basic principle followed is that chargeable distances are calculated in reference to a single point at a station, and not through multiple reference point within one station. This is an averaging principle based on rounding

off practices, for avoiding multiplicity of chargeable distances in respect of various commercial installation at one station.

Issue necessary instructions to all concerned for compliance of the above guidelines.

(This disposes off WCR's letter No.WCR/HQ/C/GC-22/Audit/110 dated 19.02.2008)



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