Sub: Incentive Scheme for Traditional Empty Flow Direction – Time limit for application and issuing of notification.

It has come to the notice of Railway Board that some Zonal Railways have approved the grant of concession in Traditional Empty Flow Directions for period beyond 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2010 under the Freight Incentive Schemes notified prior to issue of Rates Circular No.62 of 2009. Board has decided that such concession under earlier Freight Incentive Scheme should have been issued for the period upto 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2010 only. It has also been decided that the customer, who would be availing concession under Traditional Empty Flow Directions upto March 2010, can avail the concession from April 2010 to December 2010 on the basis of average monthly benchmark as stipulated in Rates Circular No.62 of 2009 subject to fulfillment of terms and conditions as stipulated therein.

For availing concession in Traditional Empty Flow Directions under Freight Incentive Scheme issued vide Rates Circular No.62 of 2009, customers had to apply by 30.11.2009 and notification was to be issued by 30.12.2009 by Railway. The customers, who would be availing concession in Traditional Empty Flow Directions under earlier Freight Incentive Scheme upto 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2010, might not have applied for availing the concession in Traditional Empty Flow Directions under new Freight Incentive Scheme or their application might have been rejected by the Zonal Railway on the ground that the scheme is available only for the full year commencing from January to December. With a view to give relief to such customers, it has been decided that they may apply afresh under new Freight Incentive Scheme under Traditional Empty Flow Directions by 28\textsuperscript{st} February 2010, as a special case, for availing concession from 1\textsuperscript{st} April 2010 to 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2010. Railway will issue notification for admissible concession, if found feasible, by 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2010.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(This disposes off NWR's letter No.C-429/1 dated 29.01.2010)

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