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(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

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North Eastern Railway

Sub: Bunching allowance in case of a siding - fixing of actual handling capacity

Ref: (i) Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and its amendments

(ii) NER's letter No.NER-HQ0COMM(RAT)/23/2021-PCCM/HQ/NER dt.07.11.2023

Please refer to NER's letter under reference(ii) wherein referring to Para 2.2.3 of Chapter-I of Rates Master Circular under reference(i), Railway has sought clarification regarding fixation of actual handling capacity of a siding.

Para 2.2.3 of Chapter-I of Rates Master Circular under reference(i) prescribed guidelines for reckoning of Bunching Allowance in case of a siding on the basis of actual/deemed handling capacity. Deemed handling capacity has been defined in the guidelines.

It is to clarify that actual Handling Capacity of a siding is the maximum number of block rakes which can be handled for loading/unloading simultaneously. However, stabling line, engine escape line etc. where loading/ unloading operation is not undertaken, will not be taken into account for reckoning actual handling capacity. These guidelines will be applicable for permitting Bunching Allowance as per para 2.2.3 of Chapter-I of Rates Master Circular under reference (i).

However, loading/unloading capacity of a siding for the purpose of rake allotment under RAS will continue to be guided by the instructions issued by Traffic Transportation directorate of Railway Board (*refer letter No.2010/TT-III/32/4 dt.24.02.2021 and as amended from time to time*).

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation directorate of Ministry of Railways.



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