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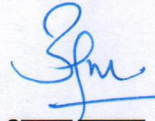
Pr. Chief Commercial Manager,
East Central Railway,
Hajipur

Sub: Shunting Charge
Ref: Rates Circular No.14 of 2009

Please refer to ECR's letter No.ECR/CRM/FM/Audit/DP-062023 dated 22.11.2023 wherein Railway has mentioned about a non EOL siding where silo loading and weighment is done simultaneously with the help of railway locomotive; empty rakes are placed upto buffer end of the siding, thereafter, loading is done in forward motion without any to and fro motion. Railway has sought clarification whether this kind of operation be treated as shunting or not.

The matter has been examined in consultation with Traffic Transportation Dte of Railway Board. As per G&SR, 'Shunting' means movement of a vehicle or vehicles with or without an engine or of any engine or any other self-propelled vehicle, for the purpose of attaching, detaching or transfer or for any other purpose. Under the ambit of this definition, use of locomotive for movement of rake under silo for loading is shunting activity. In case of non-EOL siding, responsibility of Railway is to place the rake in the siding and withdraw the rake from the siding after it gets released. Therefore, in such siding, if Railway locomotive is being used for movement of the rake for facilitating silo loading, it may be treated as shunting activity and Shunting Charge should be realized from the siding owner.

Further, as silo loading are generally an efficient system of loading, these type of sidings may be encouraged to come under EOL system.



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