

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No.TC-I/2024/201/efile/6 (3474365)

New Delhi, dt.19.03.2025

General Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Review of Demurrage/Penal Demurrage

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

(ii) Corrigendum No.32 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0

(iii) Board's letter No.TC-I/2019/201/6 (3298964) dt.16.07.2021

(iv) Board's letter No.TC-I/2022/201/efile/2 (3394909) dt.19.09.2022

Please refer to Corrigendum No.32 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 vide which slab wise rate of Demurrage has been implemented and provision for levy of Penal Demurrage has been revised.

The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided to revise the slab wise rate of Demurrage and to do away with the provision of Penal Demurrage, as given below -

Chapter-I of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0					
EXISTING GUIDELINES			REVISED GUIDELINES		
Para 3.1	Base rate of Demurrage charge shall be Rs.150/- per 8-wheeled wagon per hour, or part of an hour, for detention of wagon in excess of the permissible free time for loading or unloading. Demurrage Charge will be levied in graded Demurrage manner as under-		Base rate of Demurrage charge shall be Rs.150/- per 8-wheeled wagon per hour, or part of an hour, for detention of wagon in excess of the permissible free time for loading or unloading. Demurrage Charge will be levied in graded Demurrage manner as under-		
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Para 3.4.1	In case excessive congestion takes place at any terminal/steel plant, PCCM/PCOM/DRM can increase the demurrage rates, even at progressively increasing rate, subject to maximum of six times of the prevalent base rate. This penal demurrage rates should be implemented only after giving wide publicity(including through SMS/email) and due notice at terminal of 24 hours and should be applicable for the notified period.	Deleted																						
Para 3.4.2	The rates can be increased by say, 2 times or 3 times or so on, and not necessarily six times at one go in all cases. In fact, Railway may decide to levy variable rates like 2 times for first three hours detention, 3 times for next twelve hours detentions and so on and so forth. Railway must judiciously evaluate the situation and the rates should be increased on merit to the extent considered justified. Levy of six times rate should be resorted only when the situation becomes very alarming.	Deleted																						

All other extant guidelines vide Corrigendum No.32 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 hold good.

Further to state that guidelines for waiver of Demurrage will continue to be applicable as per existing SOP. In the context of waiver, Para 2.11 of Corrigendum No.32 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 is reiterated which states that application of waiver of Demurrage shall be entertained only for the cases where circumstances fall within condition given in Para 2.9 i.e. those which are not within the control of consignor/consignee and on account of Act of God, Act of War and Act of Public Enemies. Recording of reasons of waiver in the form of a reasoned speaking order shall be compulsory for all the cases of waiver irrespective of the quantum of waiver. This instruction will be applicable for all types of Demurrage including Penal Demurrage.

These guidelines will be applicable w.e.f.01.04.2025, for a period of one year i.e. upto 31.03.2026.

Zonal Railways will furnish their feedback by December, 2025 for review.

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Dte and with the concurrence of Finance Dte of Railway Board.

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