

**Government of India(Bharat Sarkar)
Ministry of Railways(Rail Mantralaya)
(Railway Board)**

No. 2006/TGIV/8/21/WR

New Delhi, dated 22.12.06

**The General Manager(Comm.)
All Zonal Railways**

(Commercial Circular No. 111 of 2006)

**Sub.: Shoeshine Contracts at Railway Stations.
Ref.: W. Rly.'s letter no. C4/16 Vol.III dated 26.7.06 and
C. Rly.'s letter no. C/180/FD/Boot Polish Policy
/Pt. III dated 10/10/06.**

Please refer to Board's letters nos. 99/TGIV/8/Boot Polish/Policy dated 23.3.99, 23.11.2000 and 25.2.2002 wherein detailed policy guidelines for award of shoe-shine contracts and bidding by the societies for each station were issued. The matter has been re-considered in view of representations received and following changes are made in the guidelines issued:

- i) The Shoe-shine licenses shall be awarded henceforth to the societies of shoe-shine boys only and cooperative societies of workers in the tanning industry or in the manufacture of leather goods will not be eligible to participate in such contracts.
- ii) At stations where a society has been working for more than 10 years since 1996 or prior to 1996, the contract of the existing licensee may be renewed subject to satisfactory performance and payment of dues for a period fixed by the zonal railways in consultation with associate finance. The license fee will be charged as per reserve price fixed. Feasibility of increasing the number of shoe-shine boys at the existing stations may also be explored. In case the number of shoeshine boys have been increased, the reserve price may be increased proportionately. An inbuilt provision may be made in the terms & conditions of the contract for increase in the license fee by 6% every year.
- iii) The Railways may, however invite tenders from societies of shoe-shine workers for award of shoeshine contracts at stations where no society is engaged in boot polish work presently.
- iv) If the bid accepted at stations where tenders have been invited is more than the reserve price fixed at stations where tenders have not been invited, the bid which has been accepted will be applicable to the societies working at stations where

- v) tenders have not been invited from the date of award of tender and license fee will be charged accordingly. However, if the accepted bid is less than the reserve price fixed for stations, where tenders have not been invited licence fee will continue to be charged at the reserve price fixed at such stations subject to escalation every year as mentioned under para (ii) above. Provision to this effect may be made in the terms & conditions of the contracts at the time of extension/renewal.

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

Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.


Director Traffic Commercial(G)-II
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For Financial Commissioner/Railways