

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 2 OF 2006

No. TCH/2003/98/Rules.

New Delhi, dated 18.01.2006.

The General Managers (Comm),
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Revision of rules for postponement and preponement of journey appearing under rule 213.9 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol. I).

Ministry of Railways have decided to revise the existing rule 213.9 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol. I) regarding postponement and preponement of journey on reserved, RAC and waiting list tickets. The Existing and Revised rules are as under :

Postponement of journey:

Existing rules

"213.9 Postponement or preponement of journey on a reserved, RAC or waitlisted ticket-

(1) Postponement of journey on reserved, RAC or waitlisted ticket shall be allowed in the same class in any other train on the same day or any subsequent day if -

(a) the ticket is presented during the working hours of the reservation office and at least twenty four hours before the scheduled departure of the train in which reservation has been made; and

(b) accommodation is available in the train in which reservation is required."

Revised rules

"213.9 Postponement or preponement of journey on a reserved, RAC or waitlisted ticket-

(1) Postponement of journey:

(a) **Confirmed Tickets:** Postponement of journey on confirmed tickets shall be allowed in the same or any higher class, by any subsequent train on the same or any subsequent day, for same or any longer destination, provided that :-

(i) confirmed or RAC or waiting list accommodation is available in the train in which fresh reservation is required ;

(ii) fresh reservation fee for the class for which reservation is required is paid, in case of tickets surrendered during working hours and at least 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train in which originally booked ;

(iii) 25% fare of already booked ticket is paid as cancellation charges, in case of tickets surrendered during working hours and within 24 hrs & 4 hours before scheduled departure of the train in which originally booked ;

(iv) 50% fare of already booked ticket is paid as cancellation charges, in case of tickets surrendered during working hours and within 4 hrs before scheduled departure & upto the maximum time limits mentioned in rule 213.6(i)(c) (i.e. 3/6/12 hrs, depending on distance) after actual departure of the train in which originally booked ;

(b): **RAC & Wait listed Tickets :** Postponement of journey on RAC & Wait listed Tickets shall be allowed in the same or higher class, by any subsequent train on the same or any subsequent day, for same or any longer destination, provided that -

(i) confirmed or RAC or waiting list accommodation is available in the train in which fresh reservation is required ;

(ii) ticket is surrendered during working hours and upto the maximum time limits mentioned in rule 213.6(i)(c) (i.e. 3/6/12 hrs, depending on distance) after actual departure of the train in which originally booked;

(iii) clerkage charge is paid;

Preponement of journey

Existing rules

"(2) Preponement of journey on reserved, RAC or waitlisted ticket shall be allowed in the same class by any earlier train on the same day or any earlier day, if -

(a) the ticket is surrendered during the working hours of reservation office and atleast six hours before the scheduled departure of the train in which reservation is required, and

(b) accommodation is available in the train in which reservation is required."

Revised rules

"(2) **Preponement of journey:** Preponement of journey on confirmed, RAC & wait listed tickets shall be allowed in the same or any higher class, by any earlier train on the same day or any earlier day, for same or any longer destination, provided that : -

(a) confirmed or RAC or waiting list accommodation is available in the train in which fresh reservation is required ;

(b) ticket is surrendered during working hours of reservation office and at least 6 hours before scheduled departure of the train in which reservation is required or before preparation of reservation chart, whichever is later ;

(c) fresh reservation fee for the class for which reservation is required is paid, in case of preponement on confirmed tickets ; and

(d) clerkage charge is paid, in case of preponement on RAC & wait listed tickets;

Conditions for modification of journey

Existing rules

Explanation : In case there is a difference of fares between the class of a train on which the ticket was originally reserved and the same class of the other train on which the postponement or preponement is provided, the change of reservation shall be made subject to refund or recovery of the difference, as the case may be.

(3) Postponement or preponement of journey under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) shall be allowed only once, without levying any cancellation charges but on payment of -

- (a) fresh reservation fee, in the case of reserved ticket, and
- (b) clerkage, in the case of RAC and waitlisted ticket.

Revised rules

(3) If there is difference in fares for originally booked journey and revised journey, the difference of fare shall be refunded or recovered, as the case may be, subject to the provisions of rule 213.9(1) & (2) above.

(4) Postponement or Preponement of journey under the above sub-rules shall be allowed only once.

(5) The Postponement/Preponement of normal train ticket journeys will not be applicable against Tatkal Quota even on payment of Tatkal charges.

Refund on cancellation of modified ticket

Existing rules

(4) If the ticket on which journey has been altered under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2), is cancelled, cancellation charges shall be payable as follows; -

- (a) cancellation charge as may be due if the original reservation had been cancelled at the time when the postponement or preponement of reservation was allowed, and
- (b) cancellation charges due in respect of the altered reservation as if this altered reservation is a fresh reservation.

Revised rules

(6) If the ticket, on which journey has been altered under the above sub-rules, is cancelled, cancellation charges shall be payable as follows : -

- (a) cancellation charge as would have been due if the ticket for original reservation had been cancelled at the time of postponement/preponement of journey, and
- (b) cancellation charges due in respect of ticket for altered reservation as if this altered reservation is a fresh reservation.

(c) In cases where 25% or 50% cancellation charges were realized at the time of modification of journey, the cancellation charges mentioned in (a) shall not be levied again and the cancellation charges mentioned in (b) only shall be levied."

2. The revised rule as mentioned on pre-pages and above will come into effect on 20.1.2006.

3. Wide publicity through various media may be given at regular intervals. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned immediately and implementation ensured. Action should be taken to make changes in passenger information systems at all places including enquiry systems, websites, etc. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(Hindi version will follow.)

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DA: Nil.

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