

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 3 OF 2006

No. TCH/2001/03/ST/Policy.

New Delhi, dated 12. 01.2006.

General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Season tickets - reduction in charges for Monthly & Quarterly Superfast Surcharge tickets.

As per rule 242 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol. I), Season tickets are valid for travel by only those Superfast trains specifically permitted by Railway Administration. In such cases, season ticket holder is required to purchase Superfast Surcharge ticket for each journey in advance. For the convenience of those season ticket holders who want to travel regularly by Superfast trains specifically permitted by Railway Administration, Railways issue Monthly & Quarterly Superfast Surcharge Tickets cost of which is equivalent to Superfast Surcharge for 80 single journeys in the case of Monthly Superfast Surcharge Tickets and 180 single journeys in the case of Quarterly Superfast Surcharge Tickets.

2. Taking into account representations from various sections of users regarding high Superfast charges of MST/QST, Ministry of Railways have reviewed the whole issue and decided to rationalize the charges of Monthly & Quarterly Superfast Surcharge Tickets. Now the charges of Monthly Superfast Surcharge Tickets will be equivalent to Superfast Surcharge for 15 single journeys (instead of 80) and that of Quarterly Superfast Surcharge Tickets will be equivalent to Superfast Surcharge for 45 single journeys (instead of 180), for both the second & first class season tickets.

3. The above mentioned reduced rates will come into effect on tickets issued on and after 15.2.2006.

4. The Monthly/Quarterly Superfast Surcharge tickets issued at old rates will remain valid upto the last day of their validity. However, no refund will be allowed to those persons who have already purchased the Monthly/Quarterly Superfast Surcharge at old rates.

5. With the reduction in charges for Monthly & Quarterly Superfast Surcharge Tickets, all exemptions wherever granted or admissible to season ticket holders to travel in certain trains or sections without payment of superfast surcharge shall stand withdrawn from the above mentioned date. All Season Ticket holders, without any exception, will be required to purchase in advance the Superfast Surcharge Tickets for each journey or the Monthly/Quarterly Superfast Surcharge tickets. The concerned zonal railways should take advance action in intimating the passengers of such trains about implementation of these instructions w.e.f. 15.2.2006. Railways should keep the Board advised of any development or representations in this regard.

6. There is no change in other provisions contained in the rule mentioned under para 1. The rates for superfast surcharge tickets issued for individual journeys will remain unchanged. Season ticket holders who do not want to purchase Monthly/Quarterly Superfast Surcharge Tickets, will continue to purchase Superfast Surcharge ticket for each journey in advance.

7. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned immediately. The software in PRS, SPTMs, etc., wherever required, may be modified accordingly. Wide publicity through various media should be given for information of general public about heavy reduction in Monthly/Quarterly Superfast charges for commuters travelling on MST/QST.

8. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(Hindi version will follow)

DA: Nil.

U. Hazarika
(Ms. U. Hazarika)
Director (Passenger Marketing),
Railway Board.

No. TCII/2001/03/ST/Policy.

New Delhi, dated 12.01.2008.

Copy forwarded to:

1. Dy. Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No.224, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi with 36 spares.
2. FA&CAOs, All Indian Railways.
3. Principal Director of Audit, All Indian Railways.

DA: 36 spares for item (1) only.

K L
for Financial Commissioner/Railways.

No. TCII/2001/03/ST/Policy.

New Delhi, dated 12.01.2008.

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. CCMs, All Indian Railways.
2. CCM (PM)s, All Indian Railways.
3. CRB, MT, FC, Secretary, DG/RHS, Railway Board.
4. AM(B), Adv (Finance), AM(IT), AM(C), ADV (Vig), ED(A), EDF(C&RM), ED(C&S), EDTC(R), EDV(T), ED/Safety, CFC, TC(CR), V(SS), PR, TG-I, TG-II, TG-IV & F(G) Branches, Railway Board.
5. General Manager, Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), Chanakyapuri, Near National Rail Museum, New Delhi.
6. MD, IRCTC, 8th Floor, Bank of Baroda Building, 16, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.
7. Director General, Railway Staff College, Vadodara.
8. Managing Director, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Belapur Bhavan, Plot No. 6, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 014.
9. General Manager, Metro Railway, 33/1, J.L. Nehru Road, Calcutta-700071.
10. Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, Lucknow.
11. General Secretary, IRCA, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi for issue of necessary correction slip to IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol. I).

DA: Nil.

U. Hazarika
(Ms. U. Hazarika)
Director (Passenger Marketing),
Railway Board.