

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.2000/TG.III/464/18 /Policy

New Delhi, dt: 18.10.06.

The General Managers  
All Indian Railways.

(Commercial Circular No. 88 of 2006)

Sub:- Allotment of bookstalls to philanthropic and social organizations

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Please refer to Board's letter of even no. dated: 11.11.2005 followed by clarifications dated: 16.12.05 wherein zonal railways were advised that a status quo should be maintained and no temporary extension should be granted in view of the SLP filed against the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad in respect of Bookstall Policy of Oct 2004 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Also railways have been asked to hold up the process of awarding new bookstall licences till further orders.

Ministry of Railways have considered the issue of allotment of new bookstalls to philanthropic and social organizations and the following guidelines are issued:-

- a) New bookstalls to philanthropic and social organizations may be allotted based on requirement as per the extant policy by inviting applications.
- b) Allotment of bookstalls to the philanthropic and social organization may be considered at all stations including banned stations as notified vide Board's letter No. 87/TG.III/639/12 dated 27.3.87, with the approval of the General Manager of the concerned railways.
- c) The allotments would be without any prejudice and would be subject to the outcome of the SLP No C - 12096-2005 - UOI Vs M/s A. H. Wheeler & Co. converted to Appeal Civil 2919 of 2006.
- d) Allotment of these stalls should not cause congestion and obstruction to the free movement of the passengers.
- e) Initial allotment will be for a period of five years and the renewal will be subject to the outcome of the SLP referred above.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

  
(Ashok Kumar)  
Executive Director/T&C  
Railway Board

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