

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (Bharat Sarkar)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Rail Mantralya)
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2006/TG-1/14/P

New Delhi, dated 4.8.2006

Chief Commercial Manager,
All Zonal Railways.

(COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 76 OF 2006)

Sub: Warrant of Precedence.

Please find enclosed a copy of Board's circular No. 2006/O&M/3/1 dated 25.7.2006 enclosing therewith copy of D.O. letter No. 12/8/2006 dated 01.7.2006 received from Home Secretary, Government of India and an updated copy of Warrant of Precedence with all amendments issued by President's Secretariat on the subject quoted above, for information and necessary action.

DA: As above.


(Ravinesh Kumar)
Director, Traffic Commercial (G)
Railway Board.

Copy to:

1. MD, CRIS, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
2. CCM/PMs and CCM/PSs, all zonal Railways.
3. EDV(T), EDFC, OSD/TC, V(SS), TG-V branches of Railway Board.
4. Director General, Professor/Training & Professor/Commerical Railway Staff College, Vadodara.
5. The Principals, Zonal Training Centres, Central Railway/Bhusaval, Eastern Railway Dhanbad, Northern Railway, Chandausi, NE Railway, Muzaffarpur, NF Railway, Alipurduar, Southern Railway, Trichy, SE Railway, Sini, Western Railway, Udaipur.
6. General Secretary, National Federation of Indian Railwaymen (NFIR), 3, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi.
7. General Secretary, All India Railwaymen Federation (AIRF), 4, State Entry Road, New Delhi.
8. Secretary General, Federation of Railway Officers Association (FROA), Room No. 365-A, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
9. Secretary General, Indian Railway Promotee Officers Federation (IRPOF), Room No. 268, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. Secretary General, All India RPF Association, Room No. 549, Rail Bhavan, New Delh

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

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No. 2006/O&M/3/1

रेल भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001, दिनांक

Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001, dated 25/7/06

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways & Production Units,
DG & Ex-Officio GM/RDSO & DG/RSC

H.V. Sharma
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Reg: Warrant of Precedence.

D.P.M.
O.H.
Enclosed is a copy of DO letter No. 12/8/2006-PUBLIC dated 1.7.06 from Home Secretary, Government of India enclosing therewith an updated copy with all amendments of Warrant of Precedence issued by President's Secretariat.

It is desired, that the instructions as contained in Home Secretary's aforesaid DO be strictly adhered to while organizing any Railway Function. These instructions may also be circulated to all PHODs /HODs/DRMs/ADRM, CPROs and other concerned officers working under your control and concerned with organization of Railway Function for information, guidance and compliance.

M.S. Mehra
(M.S. Mehra)

Joint Secretary/Railway Board

DA: As above

No. 2006/O&M/3/1

New Delhi, Dt. 25/7/2006

Copy forwarded to:

Chief Administrative Officers(R) COFMOW/ New Delhi, D.M.W/Patiala, M.T.P(Rlys), Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai.

The C.A.O(Const), Central Railway/Mumbai, South Eastern Railway/Vishakapatnam.

Directors, IRIMEE, Jamalpur/ IRICEN, Pune and IRISSET, Secunderabad/TREE, P.B. No. 33 Nasik Road, Maharashtra and IRCAMTECH, Area Office Maharajpur, Gwalior.



गृह सचिव
HOME SECRETARY
भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

V.K. DUGGAL

D.O. NO. 12/8/2006-PUBLIC

1st July, 2006

Dear Shri Batra,

As you may be aware, precedence accorded to dignitaries and officials at State or ceremonial functions is regulated by a Table of Precedence (commonly known as Warrant of Precedence) notified by the President's Secretariat. A copy of the Table (Warrant) of Precedence notified on 26.07.1979, and as amended from time to time (the last such amendment being on 08.09.1994), is enclosed for your kind perusal.

2. In this connection, I may bring to your notice certain basic principles laid down by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, with regard to the Table (Warrant) of Precedence. In terms thereof, the then Prime Minister had noted that eminent public persons, scientists, artists and other non-officials, though not included in the Table, may be given appropriately high positions in State/ceremonial/public functions on the basis of their high status in public life. He had, inter alia, observed as under :-

"There are large number of people outside the Warrant of Precedence who in effect are more important than those people who are in the Warrant of Precedence and who, on occasions, may rank higher than those who are included in the Warrant of Precedence. Thus, many non-officials are not included in the Warrant but on any particular function they may be given seats much higher than those included in the list".

3. I am writing this letter to request you that you may please keep the above principle in mind while drawing up the list of invitees and determining the status to be conferred on the guests/invitees, including seating on the dais, at State/ceremonial/public functions that may be organized by your Ministry/Department/State or by your attached/sub-ordinate organizations.

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4. It is possible that such eminent persons may figure in a particular article in the Table (Warrant) of Precedence by virtue of their holding some official position. The above principle will also hold good in regard to such dignitaries and they could accordingly be given higher position in State/ceremonial/public functions on the strength of their eminence or status in public life notwithstanding their position in the Table.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(V.K. DUGGAL)

**Shri J. P. Batra,
Chairman,
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways,
Rail Bhawan,
New Delhi.**

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

WARRANT OF PRECEDENCE

NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

New Delhi, the 26th July, 1979

No.33-Pre/79 - In supersession of all previous notifications issued on the subject, the following Table, with respect to the rank and precedence of the persons named therein which has been approved by the President, is published for general information: -

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Prime Minister
4. Governors of States within their respective States
5. Former Presidents
- 5A. Deputy Prime Minister
6. Chief Justice of India
Speaker of Lok Sabha
7. Cabinet Ministers of the Union.
Chief Ministers of States within their respective States
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
* Former Prime Ministers
Leaders of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
- 7A. ** Holders of Bharat Ratna Decoration
8. Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries accredited to India
Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States
Governors of States outside their respective States
9. Judges of Supreme Court
- 9A. \$ Chief Election Commissioner
\$ Comptroller & Auditor General of India
10. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Deputy Chief Ministers of States
Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha
Members of the Planning Commission
Ministers of State of the Union + (and any other Minister in the Ministry of Defence for defence matters).

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* Amendment vide notification No.16-Pre/92 dated 31st Jan'1992 (12/17/90-Public)

** Amendment vide notification No.48-Pre/81 dated 3rd Aug'1981 (12/1/81-Public)

\$ Amendment vide notification No.147-Pre/94 dated 8th Sep'1994 (12/5/93-Public)

+ Amendment vide notification No.63-Pre/S dated 19th April 1991

11. Attorney General of India.
Cabinet Secretary.
Lieutenant Governors within their respective Union Territories
12. Chiefs of Staff holding the rank of full General or equivalent rank.
13. Revoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited to India.
14. Chairmen and Speakers of State Legislatures within their respective States.
Chief Justices of High Courts within their respective jurisdictions
15. Cabinet Ministers in States within their respective States
Chief Ministers of Union Territories and Chief Executive Councilor, Delhi within their respective Union Territories
Deputy Ministers of the Union.
16. Officiating Chiefs of Staff holding the rank of Lieutenant General or equivalent rank.
17. # Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal.
Chairman, Minorities Commission.
Chairman, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Commission.
Chairman, Union Public Service Commission.
Chief Justices of High Courts outside their respective jurisdictions.
Justice Judges of High Courts within their respective jurisdictions.
18. Cabinet Ministers in States outside their respective States
Chairmen and Speakers of State Legislatures outside their respective States.
Chairman, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.
Deputy Chairman and Deputy Speakers of State Legislatures within their respective States.
Legislatures within their respective States.
Ministers of State in States within their respective States.
Ministers of Union Territories and Executive Councilors, Delhi, within their respective Union Territories.
Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Chairman of Delhi Metropolitan Council within their respective Union Territories.
19. Chief Commissioners of Union Territories not having Councils of Ministers, within their respective Union Territories.
Deputy Ministers in States within their respective States.
Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Deputy Chairman of metropolitan Council Delhi, within their respective Union Territories.
20. Deputy Chairmen and Deputy Speakers of State Legislatures, outside their respective states.
Ministers of State in States outside their respective States.
Justice Judges of High Courts outside their respective jurisdictions.
21. Members of Parliament.
22. Deputy Ministers in State outside their respective States.

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23. Army Commanders' Vice-Chief of the Army Staff or equivalent in other services
 Chief Secretaries to State Governments within their respective States.
 Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities.
 Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
 Members, Minorities Commission.
 Members, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission.
 Officers of the rank of full Colonel or equivalent rank.
 Secretaries to the Government of India (including officers holding this office ex-officio).
 Secretary, Minorities Commission.
 Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission.
 Secretary to the President.
 Secretary to the Prime Minister.
 Secretary, Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha
 Solicitor General.
 @Vice-Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal.
24. Officers of the rank of Lieutenant General or equivalent rank.
25. Additional Secretaries to the Government of India.
 Additional Solicitor General
 Advocate Generals of States.
 Chairman, Tariff Commission
 Charge d' Affaires and Acting High Commissioners a pied and ad interim
 Chief Ministers of Union Territories and Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi, outside their
 respective Union Territories.
 Chief Secretaries of State Governments outside their respective States.
 Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General
 Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Deputy Chairman,
 Delhi Metropolitan Council, outside their respective Union Territories.
 Director, Central Bureau of Investigation
 Director General, Border Security Force.
 Director General, Central Reserve Police.
 Director, Intelligence Bureau
 Lieutenant Governors outside their respective Union Territories.
 @ Members, Central Administrative Tribunal.
 Members, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission
 Members, Union Public Service Commission
 Ministers of Union Territories and Executive Councillors, Delhi, outside their respective
 Union Territories.
 Principal Staff Officers of the Armed Forces of the rank of major General or equivalent rank
 Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Chairman of Delhi, Metropolitan
 Council, outside their respective Union Territories.
26. Joint Secretaries to the Government of India and officers of equivalent rank.
 Officers of the rank of Major-General or equivalent rank

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@ Amendment vide notification No.64-Pres/89 dated 17th July 1989 (12/3/88-Public)

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NOTES

Note 1. The order in this Table of Precedence is meant for State and Ceremonial occasions and has no application in the day-to-day business of Government.

Note 2. Persons in the Table of Precedence will take rank in order of the number of the articles. The entries in the same article are arranged alphabetically. Those included in the same article will take precedence later as according to date of entry into that article. However, where the dignitaries of different States and Union Territories included in the same article are present at a function outside their States or Union Territories and there is difficulty in ascertaining their dates of entry, they may be assigned precedence later as in the alphabetical order of the name of States and Union Territories concerned after those whose precedence is determined according to date of entry into that article.

Note 3. [^] In Article 7, former Prime Ministers will take precedence over the Cabinet Ministers of the Union and the Leaders of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha. The Chief Ministers of States within their respective States will take precedence over the Cabinet Ministers of the Union in official functions held in the respective States.

Note 4. In Article 8: -

- (a) Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries accredited to India will en bloc rank above Governors of States outside their respective States;
- (b) Governors of States outside their respective States will en bloc rank above Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States.

Note 5. The Ministry of External Affairs may assign appropriate ranks to foreign dignitaries and Indian Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Ministers Plenipotentiary during their visit to India.

Note 6. ^{^^} Notwithstanding the procedure laid down in Note 2, the rank later as and precedence of the persons in Article 10 shall be assigned in the following order: -

- (1) Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha.
- (2) Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha.
- (3) Ministers of State of the Union and any other Minister in the Ministry of Defence for defence matters.
- (4) Deputy Chief Ministers of States.
- (5) Members of Planning Commission.

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[^] Amendment vide notification No.16-Pres/92 dated 31st Jan 1992 {12/17/90-Public}

^{^^} Amendment vide notification No.63-Pres/91 dated 19th April 1991

However, the Deputy Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States will always rank below all other dignitaries figuring in this article.

Note 7. The Chairmen of State Legislative Councils will rank above the Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in cases where they were elected on the same date.

Note 8. When Members of Parliament are invited en bloc to major State functions, the enclosures reserved for them should be next to the Chief Justice, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Ambassadors etc.

Note 9. Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Chairman of the Delhi Metropolitan Council, Delhi, will take precedence over Ministers and Executive Councillors, included in the same article.

Note 10. In Article 23: -

- (a) Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs other than the Foreign Secretary, between themselves, will take precedence in the order of their seniority in Grade-I of the Indian Foreign Service and both of them will take precedence after the Foreign Secretary.
- (b) Members of the Minorities Commission and the Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes Commission will always take precedence over the Secretaries of these Commissions;
- (c) In official functions held at Delhi/New Delhi, Army Commanders/Vice Chief of the Army Staff or equivalent in other Services will always rank after Secretaries to the Government of India.

Note 11. In Article 25: -

- (a) Additional Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs, among themselves, will take precedence in the order of their seniority in Grade- II of the Indian Foreign Service;
- (b) Additional Solicitor General will take precedence above the Advocate General of States;
- (c) Lieutenant Governors will take precedence over the Chief Ministers and Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi, and the latter will take precedence over Speakers of Legislative Assemblies and Chairman, Metropolitan Council, Delhi;
- (d) Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies of Union Territories and Deputy Chairman of Delhi Metropolitan Council will take precedence after Ministers of Union Territories and Executive Councillors, Delhi.

Note 12. For the purpose of Article 26, the posts equivalent to the posts of Joint Secretaries to the Government of India will be determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sd/-
(K.C. MADAPPA)
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

Note: The above Table includes all amendments made therein so far.