

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.2020/TT-III/1/1.

New Delhi, dated: 27.03.2023

The General Managers (Operating)

Central Railway, Mumbai
Eastern Railway, Kolkata
East Central Railway Hajipur
East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar
Northern Railway, New Delhi
North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur
Northeast Frontier Railway, Guwahati
North Central Railway, Allahabad
North Western Railway, Jaipur

Southern Railway, Chennai
South Central Railway, Secunderabad
South Eastern Railway, Kolkata
South East Central Railway, Bilaspur
South Western Railway, Hubli
Western Railway, Mumbai
West Central Railway, Jabalpur

Director Rail Movement, Eastern Railway House,
17- N.S. Marg, Fairly Place, Kolkata.

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Sub: Preferential Traffic Order GO No.97

Preferential Traffic Order GO No.96, now read as **Preferential Traffic Order GO No.97** will come into force for one year with effect from 1st April, 2023 unless cancelled earlier. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

DA: As above


(Dr. Avinash Kumar Mishra)
Executive Director Traffic Trans.(S)
Railway Board

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, 16-20 Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi.
3. The Managing Director, CRIS
4. The CAO(FOIS)

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PREFERENTIAL TRAFFIC ORDER

GENERAL ORDER NO.97

**(FOR ALLOTMENT OF WAGONS)
(IN FORCE FROM 1st April 2023)**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Central Government, it is necessary in public interest so to do;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 71 of the Railways Act, 1989, the Central Government hereby directs that all Railway Administrations shall give special facilities for or preference to the transport of goods/class of goods at a station/siding as per priority/preference mentioned in the order.

1. PRIORITY 'A'

- 1.1 Military Traffic, when sponsored by MILRAIL and approved by Railway Board.

2. PRIORITY 'B'

- 2.1 Goods for emergency relief work for victims of natural calamities, like floods, drought, earth quake etc. when sponsored by an officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary of Central/State Government or a non-official organization nominated by the Central/State Government and accepted by the originating Zonal Railway or Railway Board.
- 2.2 All food grains except quota traffic notified by Railway Board.
- 2.3 Levy sugar for public distribution system or other welfare schemes sponsored by Food Corporation of India/State Government or their agencies approved by Railway Board. Proposals for sponsorship of any other commodity by a Central Government Agency will require specific approval of Railway Board.

3.0 PRIORITY 'C'

- 3.1(a) Coal traffic when sponsored and accepted by authorities as under:

COMMODITY	SPONSORING AUTHORITY	ACCEPTING AUTHORITY
Coal and coke, including all variants (except Pet Coke), coal rejects and coal fines when loaded from a Colliery siding (including siding serving a captive coal block), Washery siding, Steel Plant siding, Coke Oven Plant siding, siding serving a Port.	1. Public Sector coal companies and co-users of sidings of public sector coal companies for which a contractual agreement has been entered into with a consumer.	Executive Director Rail Movement, or in his absence Director/Jt. Director, Rail Movement, Kolkata for ER, ECR, SER, SECR and ECoR.
	2. Private coal companies mining captive blocks, Washery operators and co-users of the Washery sidings, Steel Plants. Coke Oven Plants, CP & RP coke plants.	For other Railways, COM/CFTM of respective Zones. For Imported coal, for all Zonal Railways, PCOM/CFTM of respective Zones.

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	<p>3. For imported coal, consignors or their representatives or coal importers.</p> <p>4. For indigenous coal moved through rail-cum-sea-cum-rail route: consumers or their representatives, for the last leg of movement from the port.</p>	
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- i) The sponsoring would be subject to Railway rules and regulations, including Logistics plan for imported coal.
- ii) Inter-se priority for movement to various classes of consumers will be laid down from time to time by Railway Administration and may be altered/modified as and when necessary. Within the same class of category of consumers, priority for movement may be fixed/alterd from time to time depending upon the operational and other considerations.
- iii) Programmes for transportation of coal from the sidings of WCL located in SECR territory would be approved by COM/CFTM, Central Railway.

3.1(b) Iron ore traffic as under:

COMMODITY	SPONSORING AUTHORITY		
Iron-ore Traffic	Customers owning steel/ Pig Iron/Sponge Iron/Pellet/Sinter/Plants shall be classified into priority and sub-priority class as below:-		
	Traffic Type	Priority	Sub-Priority Class
	When Iron ore traffic or other raw material to steel plants is loaded from the customer's own private siding to his own private siding at unloading end for domestic manufacturer.	C	C+
	When Iron ore traffic or other raw material to steel plants is booked from one end to the other and the customer is having his own private siding at either end for domestic manufacturer.	C	C
	When the domestic manufacturer moves Iron ore traffic or other raw material to steel plants from any terminal to any terminal not owned by him at both end	C	C-
<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority C+ will get preference over Priority C which will get preference over Priority C- • Co-users of private sidings cannot be treated as owners of such terminals and will not get preference admissible to owners of private sidings. • PFT owners will not get benefit of higher Priority C. • Common user terminals in ports will be treated as Good Shed. • Customers desirous of moving traffic under any of above mentioned priorities will approach Zonal Railways for updating its information like Customer Name, sister concerns name, ownership of private siding, whether domestic manufacturer or not etc. 			

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3.1(c) Programmed traffic other than Coal & Iron-ore traffic as per Para 3.1 (a) & 3.1 (b) above when sponsored and accepted by authorities as under:

COMMODITY	SPONSORING AUTHORITY	ACCEPTING AUTHORITY
i. Non-refined Edible salt	Salt Commissioner	Zonal Railways
ii. Common Salt (to approved iodization plants)		
Fertilizer	Concerned fertilizer Manufacturers/ importers	Zonal Railways
POL	Oil companies	Railway Board

Proposals to accord priority for movement of any other commodity or traffic will have to be sent to Railway Board for approval.

4.0 PRIORITY 'D'

4.1 All traffic not included in priority 'A' to 'C'.

5.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Traffic offered in block rakes, including clubbed indents constituting a block rake will be given preference over traffic in piecemeal, irrespective of the class of priority and date of registration of the later.
- 5.2 Block rake traffic will have preference over other traffic within the same class of priority in the following order:-
 - (a) Traffic covered by contractual obligation and/or guaranteed under any specific scheme of IR or in agreement entered into by IR.
 - (b) Traffic in rakes loaded from a Siding/Goods Shed of the station having round the clock working.
 - (c) Traffic in rakes from a full rake handling siding of the station having mechanized system of Loading.
 - (d) Traffic offered for distance of more than 600 Kms within the same classification.
 - (e) Traffic offered in single point block rakes (including clubbed single point rakes) over two point/multi point block rakes and mini rakes.
- 5.3 While following the above general instructions, following days in a week are nominated for priority and premium indent loading
 - (a) Wednesday and Saturday are fixed for allotment of rakes as per the date of registration, irrespective of the class of priority.
 - (b) Monday and Friday will be the nominated two days for according higher priority to traffic covered under the Premium Indent Scheme.

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- 5.4 Any traffic can be accorded preferential loading and movement under a higher priority under special orders issued by the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)/Zonal Railways.

6. CURRENCY OF THE ORDER

- 6.1 This Preferential Traffic Order General Order No.97 will come into force w.e.f. 1st April, 2023 and unless cancelled earlier, will remain in force upto 31st March 2024.

(SEEMA KUMAR) 27/3/2023
Addl. Member (Traffic)
Railway Board