

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

No.TC-I/2016/201/1

New Delhi, dt. 21.03.2018

**General Manager**  
All Zonal Railways

**Sub: Free time for loading of rakes of coal and iron-ore**

Ref.: Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and its  
Corrigendum No.2 dt.07.11.2017

In terms of Corrigendum No.2 of Rates Master Circular under reference, zonal railways have been empowered to reduce permissible free time in case of loading of rakes of coal and/or iron-ore to 3(three) hours as per the guidelines contained therein. These instructions are valid upto 31.03.2018.

The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided to extend the currency of above-mentioned guidelines beyond 31.03.2018 for a further period of six months i.e. **upto 30.09.2018.**

Zonal Railways shall furnish their feedback which should inter-alia include comparative analysis of demurrage levied before and after the reduction of free time, for a period upto 30.06.2018, by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for review.

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Dte. and with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of the Ministry of Railways.

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21.03.18

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**Director, Traffic Commercial(Rates)**  
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2. **Dy.C&AG(Rlys)**, Room No.222, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

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**for Financial Commissioner(Railways)**

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1. Principal Chief Commercial Manager, all zonal railways
2. Principal Chief Operations Manager, all zonal railways
3. Managing Director, CRIS, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-21.
4. Chief Admn. Officer, FOIS, N. Rly., Camp: CRIS, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
5. MD, KRCL, Belapur Bhavan, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614.
6. Director General, National Academy of Indian Railways, Vadodara.
7. General Secy., IRCA, New Delhi.
8. Director, IRITM, Hardoi Bye-pass Road, Vill-Kanausi, Manaknagar, Lucknow-226011

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