

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

No. 2005/TC(FM)/11/4.

Rail Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001, dated 23.06.2010

**General Managers,**  
**All Indian Railways.**

Sub: Standard composition of rake size of Parcel Special trains consisting Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPUs/ VPHUXs etc.)

- Ref: (i). FM Circular No. 28 of 2005 - Board's letter No. 2005/TC(FM)/11/4 dt. 14.09.2005  
(ii). FM Circular No. 02 of 2007 - Board's letter No. 2007/TC(FM)/10/3 dt. 20.02.2007  
(iii). FM Circular No. 06 of 2009 - Board's letter No. 2005/TC(FM)/11/4 dt. 26.02.2009  
(iv). FM Circular No. 11 of 2009 - Board's letter No. 2005/TC(FM)/11/4 dt. 19.05.2009  
(v). FM Circular No. 12 of 2009 - Board's letter No. 2009/TC(FM)/11/7 dt. 21.05.2009

- 1.0 Attention is invited to Board's above referred letters/ circulars wherein definition of block rake vis-à-vis minimum composition of the rake length of Parcel Special Trains/ Parcel Cargo Express trains and Tej Shree Parcel Sewa has been notified as 18 and 15 Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPUs/ VPHUXs etc.) for non-leased and leased traffic respectively.
- 2.0 In order to optimize utilization of path, line capacity, locomotive, etc., this issue has been reviewed and it has been decided that the standard composition of the length of rake size of all types of parcel trains viz. Parcel Special Trains/ Parcel Cargo Express train/ Tej Shree Parcel Sewa shall be taken as 20 Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPUs/ VPHUXs etc.) + one Brakevan (two compartments of SLR, having parcel capacity of 4 tonne each), which will be applicable uniformly for leased and non-leased traffic.
- 2.1 Indents shall, accordingly, be accepted for a minimum of 20 Parcel Vans + 1 Brakevan.
- 2.2 In all such cases of placement of rake of Parcel Vans against a rake indent, the freight shall be realized for indented number of Parcel Vans subject to minimum composition of rake size or the actual number of Parcel Vans supplied, whichever is more. The freight for the parcel capacity available in the Brake van shall also be charged and the party will be allowed to load the same.
- 2.3 Zonal railways should ensure supply of parcel rakes as per the minimum composition of the rake length. If Railway fails to supply the full standard rake size, due to unforeseen circumstance such as accidents, blockades, etc., freight may be charged for the actual number of Parcel Vans supplied. In such cases, detailed reasons for non-supply of the standard rake size should be recorded by the concerned Station Master who in turn should get it confirmed in writing from at least a Gazetted Officer. The modalities for implementation of these instructions may be worked out jointly by Operating, Commercial and Accounts department of each railway.



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- 2.4 In case of leasing of Parcel Cargo Express trains as per Freight Marketing Circular No. 02 of 2007 - Board's letter No. 2007/TC(FM)/10/3 dt. 20.02.2007, the above instructions shall be made applicable for new contract. Reserve price for leasing of Parcel Cargo Express trains, shall accordingly, be worked out with a minimum composition of 20 Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPU/ VPHUXs etc.) + one Brakevan (two compartments of SLR, having parcel capacity of 4 tonne each).
- 2.5 Formation of rake with composition of 20 Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPU/ VPHUXs etc.) + one Brakevan will take some time and it can be done gradually. Till 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010, freight may be charged for the actual number of Parcel Vans supplied, subject to a minimum of 15 Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPU/ VPHUXs etc.) + one Brakevan, when less than 20 Parcel Vans (VPHs/ VPs/ VPU/ VPHUXs etc.) are supplied by the Railway.
- 2.6 The earlier contracts of leasing of Parcel Cargo Express trains would be governed by the policy guidelines issued under Freight Marketing Circular No. 02 of 2007 vide Board's letter No. 2007/TC(FM)/10/3 dated 20.02.2007 and the provisions of agreement signed between Railway Administration and lease operator.
- 3.0 This issues with concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.
- 4.0 These instructions will come into force with immediate effect.

Please acknowledge receipt.



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**Director Freight Marketing**

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