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

No. 2011/Tourism/140/4

New Delhi, dated the 18 February, 2015.

The Chief Commercial Managers,
Northern Railway/ Southern Railway/Central Railway/ N. F Railway

Sub: Hill Railways – Special charter rates

Ref: Board's letter no. 2004/Tourism/140/1 dated 09/09/2010

1. Board has been considering to streamline the principles for charging charter trains of Indian Railways being run on Hilly terrain.

2. To start with, it has been decided to rework the principles for calculation of fare for booking of charter trains, for the following 5 sections:

- (i) Kalka – Shimla
- (ii) Nilgiri Mountain Railway
- (iii) Neral – Matheran
- (iv) Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR)
- (v) Pathankot - Joginder Nagar

3. Charging Principles

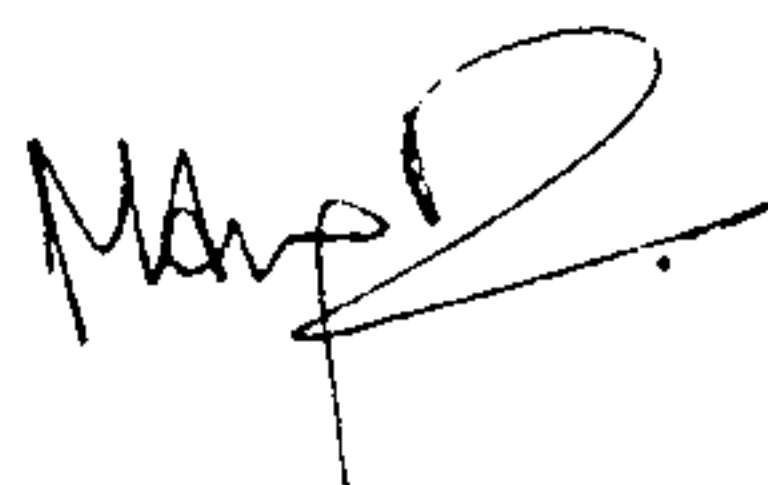
3.1 Broadly the charge for the charter trains should cover all the operating and maintenance cost incurred by concerned Zonal Railways for the section concerned. The major cost components include following:-

- (i) Cost of Terminal Services.
- (ii) Repairs & Maintenance of loco & its related plant & machinery, cost of fuel, cost of staff, depreciation & interest
- (iii) Repairs & Maintenance of coaches & related plant & machinery, depreciation & interest and cost of TXR examination enroute, if any.
- (iv) Repairs & maintenance, depreciation & interest of track & signaling infrastructure.
- (v) Other transportation cost
- (vi) Overhead cost

3.2. After arriving at the total cost, both direct and indirect, 10% profit may be added to arrive at the final charge.

3.3. In order to promote these tourist trains during the initial 2 years i.e. 2015-16 and 2016-17, Railway may reduce the charge by taking only part of the overhead cost (item vi of the cost component referred at para 3.1. above) as a promotional offer. The quantum of reduction if any, considered necessary in the charge on account of this may be decided by CCM duly taking into account demand and popularity of the service with the concurrence of FA&CAO.

3.4. The charge so arrived at as per the above principle, may be maintained for a minimum period of one year, thereafter, charge may be increased by flat 10% p.a. for next 2 years. However, the charges for all three years may be notified together to ensure sufficient time for publicity, marketing etc.



3.5. The charges with the concurrence of the FA&CAO shall be reviewed thereafter duly taking into account all the above components and charges for 4th year shall be determined as per the actual cost incurred as was done in first year.

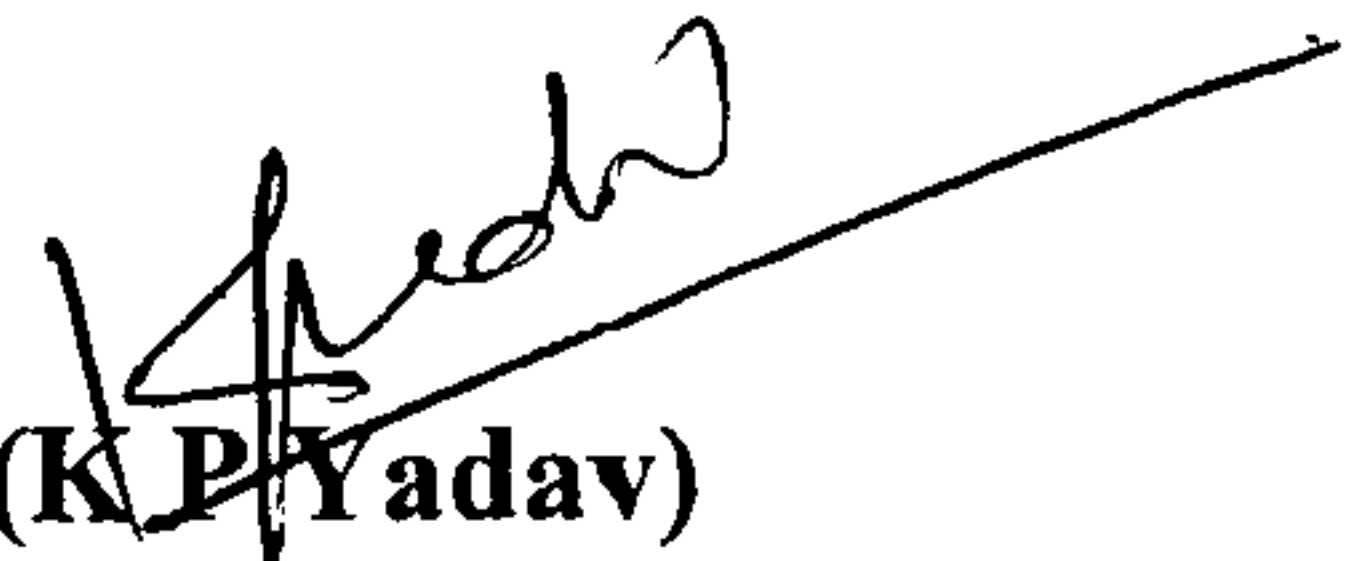
3.6. The charges, so arrived at shall be intimated to Board also. These charges will be recalculated after every three years on the basis of latest unit cost.

4. These instructions are applicable for the bookings made by IRCTC as well as general public for both one way and return journeys. The security deposit for general public will be Rs.4,000/- per coach.

5. The Sr.DCMs of the concerned Division shall be the nodal officer for booking of hill charters / coaches / saloons over the respective hill Railways. In case of DHR, NF Railway may nominate the Director / DHR as the nodal officer. Request for chartering of hill trains / attachment of coaches on hill trains should be processed within 5 working days. In case of requests made by IRCTC, reasons for non feasibility along with the alternate options should be communicated to IRCTC immediately. The examination of operational feasibility and issue of operating instructions shall be dealt with at Divisional level by the Sr.DOM / DOM(BO) of the concerned Division.

6. Feedback on the number of requests received for charter trips, number of charter trips actually operated and the revenue earned in respect of each charter trip shall be sent to the Board on quarterly basis.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Finance directorate of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).

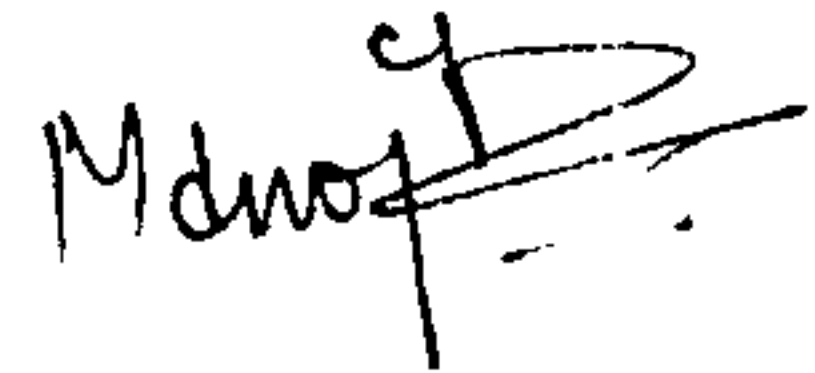

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