

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

No. 2020/TC(FM)/11/09 – COVID-19/Trans-shipment. New Delhi, dated 18.04.2020

**Principal Chief Commercial Managers,
All Zonal Railways.**

**Sub: Transshipment of Parcels — booked in COVID-19 Parcel Special
Trains — at intermediate station.**

Ref: FM Circular No. 21 of 2013, Board's letter No. TCII/2046/2012/1 dated
25.09.2013.

Attention is invited to the Board's above referred Circular and SN-10 of the Explanatory Notes of the Coaching Tariff No. 25 Part-III, effective from 01.10.2013, which stipulate that — “*Transshipment of parcels from a train and reloading the same into another train at any intermediate station is **not permitted** except for booking via break-of gauge station.*”

The matter has been deliberated upon in view of the highly unusual conditions prevalent in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic. Presently all passenger-carrying trains have been cancelled, and only COVID-19 Parcel Special trains are being run on select routes — which are also the only available mode of transportation for essential items including medicines, food and dairy items, etc. Due to the absence of passenger-carrying trains, it has become very difficult to transport these essential items between origin-destination pairs which are not connected by a single Parcel Special train.

Therefore it has been decided that, in order to maintain supply-chain of essential items throughout the country, trans-shipment of parcels at intermediate stations shall be permitted for parcels loaded in COVID-19 Parcel Special trains. This relaxation will be permitted only till the restoration of normal passenger-carrying trains.

Zonal Railways shall, however, obtain feasibility from the Railway of the trans-shipment station before booking/loading such parcels.

This has the approval of Competent Authority.



18/4/2020

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2. **GM/PMS/CRIS** -- for information please, with request to introduce transshipment facility in the PMS software.