

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

No.TCR/1078/2013/Misc./Rep. Permission

New Delhi, dated : 23.01.2020

**Principal Chief Commercial Manager,
Eastern Railways, Kolkata.**

Sub : Permission for travel of Armed Escorts in Goods Train.

Ref. :

- i) Board's Rates Circular No. 33 of 2014 and corrigenda thereto.
- ii) Eastern Railway's letter No. C.491//ESCORTS/BM/Pt.2 dated 13.11.2019.

Please refer to Eastern Railway's above mentioned letter requesting guidelines/rules to allow Armed Escorts provided by private agencies in brake van of moving rakes carrying commodities which are susceptible to theft and pilferage en route.

The matter has been examined and in continuation to above referred Rates Circular and Corrigenda thereto, the Competent Authority have decided to allow travelling of armed escorts in brake van of moving rakes carrying commodities which are susceptible to theft and pilferage en route.

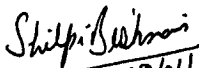
The travelling of armed escorts shall be subject to following conditions:-

- 1) A request from consignor/consignee should be received about travelling of armed escorts indicating the number of escorts and the name of security agencies providing such escorts at the time of furnishing of Forwarding Note or before loading of consignment. The consignor/consignee shall ensure that the security agencies and the armed escorts travelling in brake van shall comply all the Central Acts/States Acts/Rules/Provisions made by Central/State Government.
- 2) Travelling of armed escorts shall be subject to compliance of Rules 136 of IRCA Goods Tariff No. 41, Part I Vol. I with additional conditions that travelling of armed escorts shall be on payment of 1st class ordinary fare.
- 3) Concerned RPF, GRPF and Police should be informed well in advance about such movement by the concerned security agencies as well as consignor/consignee with full particulars of security agencies, armed escorts and arms being carried by armed forces in brake van. The particulars will include all requisite and valid documents of armed escorts including details of arms, arms licences and any other related papers as applicable.
- 4) Proper briefing of the armed escorts party shall be done by a senior executive of security agencies before the commencement of escorting duty.

- ✓ These instructions shall come into effect from 01.02.2020 and shall remain valid for a period of six months i.e. upto 31.07.2020.

Eastern Railway is requested to closely monitor the movement of armed escorts especially security aspects vis-a-vis railway staff in brake-van and furnish a report for implementing the policy on other Zonal Railways.

This issues in consultation with the security directorate and with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.


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23/01/2020
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