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Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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Chief Commercial Manager
All Zonal Railways

(Commercial Circular No. 52 of 1999)

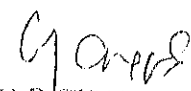
Sub: Sale of safe drinking water through water vending machines.

Please refer to Board's letter No.94/LM(B)/2/175 dt.13.9.99 laying down comprehensive instructions for provision of passenger amenities at stations. In Annexure 'E' of the letter listing the desirable amenities for various categories of stations, Water Vending Machines have been shown to be provided at 'A' and 'B' category of stations. Western Railway and Northern Railway have carried out a 'pilot' for this purpose.

Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) have further reviewed the matter and decided that water vending machines may be installed, to begin with, at 'A' Class station on requirement basis. These machines may be installed through private parties after calling for open tenders through press advertisements. The terms and conditions of the contract may be decided by the railways in consultation with their associate finance. For any guidance in this matter, Chief Commercial Manager/Western Railway and Northern Railway may be consulted. The water to be dispensed through these machines must conform to IS 14543:1998, specification of BIS for packaged drinking water.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(Hindi Version will follow)


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