

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

No. 2004/Tourism/140/1

New Delhi, 12/02/2009

General Manager (Comml.),
Southern Railway, Chennai.
Central Railway, Mumbai.
Northern Railway, New Delhi.
North Frontier Railway, Madgaon.

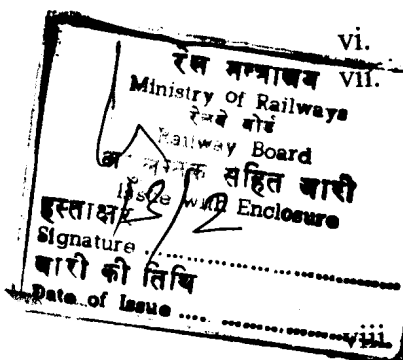
(Commercial Circular No. 8 of 2009)

Sub: Fixation of charter rates on Hill Railways.

Ref: 1. Board's letter no. 2004/Tourism/140/1 dated 10/04/2008.
2. Board's letter no. 2002/Tourism/140/2 dated 10/04/2008.
3. Board's letter no. 2004/Tourism/140/1 dated 10/11/2008.

In order to promote rail based tourism, Board has reviewed the hill charters and has decided to delegate the calculation of charges of charter trains on the Hill Railways to Zonal Railways. These instructions are in supersession of the letters referred above to the extent of charter rates / charging principles as well as bookings other than IRCTC. Now, general public can directly approach the Railways for booking of charter trains on FTR basis. The charging principles shall be as under:

- i. The minimum distance to be charged in each trip is 200 KM for one way trip and 400 km for round trip.
 - ii. Fare of Mail / Express to be charged.
 - iii. Maximum permissible load on the train composition to be considered for calculation of haulage charges, i.e. if the proposed charter is with a lesser number of coaches than the maximum load, the difference in number of coaches may be charged notionally for second class coaches. The maximum permissible load on the section will be taken as the higher of the maximum permissible load for steam or diesel locos if there is a difference between the two.
 - iv. Service and safety surcharge to be levied and the same is to be applied on the base fare.
 - v. Coach, engine and SLR detention charges will be levied after giving a free time of five and a half hours.
 - vi. No empty haulage charges.
 - vii. The seating capacity of SLR / Dining car will be charged on the basis of IIInd class Mail Express fare with necessary service and safety surcharge. Luggage portion of SLR not to be charged unless specifically requested and utilized. If luggage portion is not utilized then the same should be kept in locked condition. This may be mentioned in the FTR ticket. In case luggage portion is utilized, it will be charged as per normal rules for the entire journey and not for part journey.
- The security deposit for general public will be Rs. 4,000/- per coach.



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ix. The charges so calculated will be applicable from any station to any station irrespective of the distance.

2. On the basis of above principles, the charter charges for 1FS + 2SCZ + 1SLR combination has been worked out as an example and is attached Annexure I.

3. The minimum charges for one way trip and two way trips shall be Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 40,000/- respectively.

4. The charter will be booked by IRCTC as well as general public / tour operators. The only difference in the charging principles will be that of the service charge.

5. The above instructions are valid for a period of one year and applicable to charter run effective from the date of issue of this letter.

6. The Railways should submit a report to Board every quarter bringing out various aspects of the charter trains i.e. number of trains run, revenue, composition etc. and the additional earnings accruing to Railways etc.

**Director (Tourism & Catering)
Railway Board**

New Delhi, dated 12/02/2009

No. 2004/Tourism/140/1

Copy forwarded to:

1. Dy. Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi with 36 spares.
2. FA & CAO, Southern Railway, Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Frontier Railway.
3. Principal Director of Audit, Southern Railway, Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Frontier Railway.

For Financial Commissioner / Railways

New Delhi, dated 12/02/2009

No. 2004/Tourism/140/1

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1. CRB, MT, FC, Secretary, Railway Board.
2. Secretary (Tourism), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, New Delhi.
3. AM(B), Adv.(Finance), AM(IT), AM(C), Adv.(Vig.), ED(PM), ED(A), EDF(C), ED(C&IS), EDTC(R), EDV(T), ED/Safety, DPR, DFC, TC(CR), V(SS), PR, F(C) Branches, Railway Board.
4. Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), 9th Floor, Bank of Baroda Building, 16, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
5. CCM(PS)/ Southern Railway, Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Frontier Railway.

**Director/Tourism & Catering
Railway Board**

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Enclosure
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Date of Issue

Charter Charges for the composition of 1 FS +2 Second class + 1 SLR on Nilgiri Mountain Railway

Diesel Traction + 1 FS +2 Second class + 1 SLR

Chargeable distance	200 Kms.
Traction	Diesel
Maximum load	4 coaches
Train composition (actual)	loco + 1 FS +2 SCZ + 1 SLR
Train composition (notional)	loco + 1 FS +2 SCZ + 1 SLR
CC of FS coach	46
First class fare for 200 KM	298
Add: service charge @ 15% of the fare	45
(Current service charge is 15% for IRCTC % 20% for others)	343
Add: Safety/Developmental surcharge	20
	363
Fare for first class seats in 1 FS i.e. 46 passengers	16698 (A)
CC of SCZ	57
CC of SLR	32
Second class fare for 200 KMs	57
Add: service charge @ 15% of the fare	9
(Current service charge is 15% for IRCTC % 20% for others)	66
Add: Safety/Developmental surcharge	2
	68
Total fare for 2 SCZ i.e. 114 pass.	
+ 1 SLR i.e. 32 passengers	9928 (B)
Total fare for FS & second class i.e. A+B	26626

Total fare for one way trip	(A+B)	Rs. 26626
Total fare for round trip	[2(A+B)]	Rs. 53252