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

No. 2020/TC(FM)/11/29

New Delhi, dated 11.09.2020

Principal Chief Commercial Managers, All Zonal Railways.

> Sub: Advance booking of parcel space in SLRs, VPs attached to passengercarrying trains, and time-tabled Parcel Special trains.

Major parcel loading parties have been persistently demanding for permission to book Parcel space in advance, stating that this will enable them to plan their logistics in a better way - which will bring more traffic to Railways. Considering these regular demands, it has been decided that Zonal Railways may allow advance booking of parcel space in SLRs, Parcel Vans attached to passenger carrying trains, and time-tabled Parcel Special trains.

The advance booking of space in SLRs, Parcel Vans (non-indented) attached to passenger-carrying trains, and time-tabled Parcel Special trains shall be permitted 120 days in advance, subject to payment of 10% of the total freight by the customer at the time of booking. Balance payment (90%) of the freight shall be ensured at least 72 hours before the scheduled departure of the train - failing which the advance booking will be cancelled and advance freight

Half (50%) of the advance freight shall be refunded in case the booking is cancelled at least 72 hours before the scheduled departure of the train. However, there shall be no refund if the cancellation is done after the deadline of 72 hours before the scheduled departure.

In case of Railway's failure to provide Parcel space in train on account of cancellation of train or for any other reason, full advance freight shall be refunded to the party.

Zonal Railways shall ensure that there is no excess booking (more than the capacity). If required and operationally feasible, attachment of extra Parcel Vans may also be planned to cater to high demand.

Advance indenting of Parcel Vans, to be attached to passenger-carrying trains and timetabled Parcel Special trains, shall also be permitted 120 days in advance, subject to payment of 'Wagon Registration Fee' as per extant rules. However, operational feasibility of attaching such indented Parcel Vans must be ensured before permitting advance booking.

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Necessary arrangements may accordingly be made by Zonal Railways. Action taken in this regard may also be intimated to Board's office.

This issues in consultation with Coaching Directorate, and with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Railway Board.

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For information & necessary action to arrange necessary features in the PMS.

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