

Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No. 2021/TGIV/16/SAN/02/Mask

New Delhi, dated 17.04.2021

The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Imposition of fine for not wearing mask at Railway Premises

Ref: Commercial Circular No. 76 of 2012 -Indian Railways (Penalties for Activities Affecting Cleanliness at Railway Premises) Rules, 2012.

Indian Railways is taking various measures to contain the spread of the resurgence of Covid-19 pandemic, in accordance with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time. One of the specific guideline is to wear masks in order to contain the spread of the pandemic.

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for movement of trains as brought out by IR on 11.05.2020 in para 2.3 (ix) says that "it should be advised to all passengers that they shall be wearing face cover/ mask at entry and during travel."

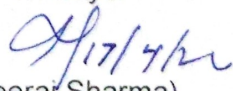
In this connection, attention is invited to Commercial Circular no. 76 of 2012 dated 14.12.2012 regarding enforcement of Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at railway premises) Rules, 2012 vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 846(E) dt. 26.11.2012. Vide para 3. (1) (b) of the said Gazette Notification, it has interalia been enlisted under Prohibition of activities affecting cleanliness and hygiene in the railway persons that no Person shall, **spit**, in any railway premises except in such facilities or conveniences specifically provided for any of these purposes.

In view of the COVID-19 situation, controlling spitting and act of similar nature due to any person not wearing mask and entering Railway premises (including trains), is important to avoid creation of unclean/ unhygienic conditions which may cause danger to life/public health.

Accordingly, to prevent spitting and act of similar nature and thus to ensure wearing of face masks/ face cover by all persons at railway premises (including trains), fines (upto ₹ 500) under Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at Railway Premises) Rules, 2012 shall be imposed by railway officials authorized for this purpose, from persons not wearing face mask/cover in Railway premises (including trains).

Railways may take action with immediate effect for a period of six (6) months till further instructions issued in this regard.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.


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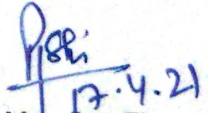
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