

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
RAILWAY BOARD**

No. 2012/Tourism/450/1

New Delhi, dated the 1st November, 2016

The General Manager,
All Indian Railways.

The Chairman Cum Managing Director,
Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd.,
IRCTC Corporate Office,
B-148, 11th Floor, Statesman House,
Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110 001.

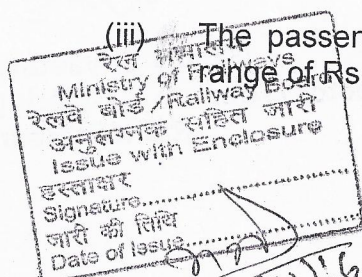
(Commercial Circular No. 60 of 2016)

Sub: Bharat Darshan Trains / Aastha Circuit Trains.

Ref: Railway Board letter Nos. (i) TCII/2004/Tourism/140/6.Pt dated 5.11.2004, (ii) No.2004/Tourism/140/6 dated 30.11.2005, 09.12.2005 and 04.01.2008 (iii) No.2012/Tourism/450/1 dated 24.10.2014, 10.11.2014, 27.02.2015 and 27.08.2015.

Railway Board has reviewed the operation of Bharat Darshan trains and decided that Bharat Darshan and Aastha Trains, announced in the Railway Budget 2016-17, would be charged as under:

- (i) Sleeper class Mail/Express fare will be levied on telescopic basis, escalated by 20%, for entire journey for the carrying capacity of the train. No concession, including senior citizen concession, will be allowed and every passenger will be charged full fare, including children, as per carrying capacity or as per actual capacity, whichever is more. Additional charges for 10 seats per SLR will be levied at second class Mail/Express fare on telescopic basis, escalated by 20%, for entire journey. Pantry Car will be charged at 50% of normal rate. In case luggage portion is utilized for booking luggage, normal charges would be applicable for the entire trip; otherwise the luggage portion should be locked. No other charge will be levied additionally.
- (ii) The composition of Bharat Darshan / Aastha trains will be 18 coaches. Of which, 9 GSCN + 1 WCB + 2 SLRs will be utilized by IRCTC and charged accordingly. Balance 6 coaches, the composition of which may be decided by the zonal railway concerned, be made available to general public through PRS / UTS.
- (iii) The passenger tariff of Bharat Darshan / Aastha trains will be in the range of Rs. 800 - 900 per person per day.

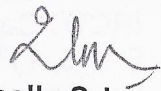


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- (iv) In addition to 3 rakes already available for operation of Bharat Darshan trains, one additional rake, as mentioned in (ii) above, will be made available to IRCTC for operation of Bharat Darshan / Aastha trains.

2. The above charging principles of Bharat Darshan / Aastha trains will be valid till 31.03.2017.

3. This issue with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).

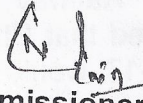

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2. FA&CAOs, All Indian Railways.
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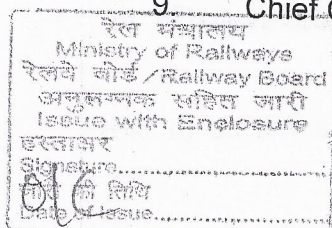

For Financial Commissioner/Railways

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2. AM(B), Adv. (Finance), AM/IT, AM(C), Adv. (Vig.), Adv. (Eng), EDF(C), EDPM, ED(A), ED(C&IS), EDTC(R), EDV(T), ED/Safety, DPR, CFC, TC(CR), V(SS), PR, Health & F(C) Branches, Railway Board.
3. General Manager, Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), Chanakyapuri, Near National Rail Museum, New Delhi.
4. Director General, National Academy of Indian Railways, Vadodara.
5. Managing Director, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Navi Mumbai.
6. General Manager, Metro Railway, Kolkata.
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