



दक्षिण पूर्व मध्य रेलवे
South East Central Railway
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दर परिपत्र संख्या / Rates Circular No.125(G)/2026

सं. C/SECR/BSP/MKTG/GPWIS/Policy (E-62182)/

दिनांक : 09.07.2026

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विषय : Liberlization in LSFTO/GPWIS/SFTO/LWIS policies - levy of ground usage charges, transfer of ownership under GPWIS/SFTO/LSFTO, and signing of LSFTO Agreement.

संदर्भ: संयुक्त निदेशक माल विपणन रेलवे बोर्ड का पत्रांक 2020/TC(FM)/4/2 (e-3362268), दिनांक 03-07-2026।

उपर्युक्त विषयक रेलवे बोर्ड का पत्रांक 2020/TC(FM)/4/2 (e-3362268), दिनांक 03-07-2026 (Freight Marketing Circular No. 14 of 2026) आपके सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न है।

अतः सर्व संबंधित तदनुसार कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित करें।

संलग्नक: यथोक्त।

Digitally Signed by Anupam

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Reason: Approved

सहायक वाणिज्य प्रबंधक (मुख्यालय)

कृते प्रधान मुख्य वाणिज्य प्रबंधक

FM Circular No. /4 of 2026

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

No. 2020/TC(FM)/4/2 (e-3362268)

New Delhi , dated 03.07.2026

General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

MD, CRIS,
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

Sub: Liberalization in LSFTO/GPWIS/SFTO/LWIS policies – levy of ground usage charges, transfer of ownership under GPWIS/SFTO/LSFTO, and signing of LSFTO Agreement.

Ref: (i) GPWIS Master Circular/2018 (Bd's letter No. 2018/TCFM/4/1 dt 26.2.2018)
(ii) LSFTO Master Circular/2020 (Bd's letter No. 2020/TC(FM)/ 04/02 dt 16.3.2020)
(iii) SFTO Master Circular/2018 (Bd's letter No. 2016/TC(FM)/4/12(SFTO) dt 2.7.2018)
(iv) LWIS Master Circular/2018 (Bd's letter No. 2016/TC(FM)/4/12(LWIS) dt 2.7.2018)
(v) GPWIS Standard Agreement (Bd's letter No. 2018/TC(FM)/ 4/11 dt 19.3.2019)

In order to bring a level playing field for privately owned rakes (GPWIS, LSFTO, SFTO, LWIS) with respect to IR rakes, and to promote Ease of Doing Business, it has been decided to make following amendments in the above mentioned schemes:-

- (i) Amend para 11.2.3.6 and 11.2.3.7 of GPWIS Master Circular/2018 and para 11.1.1, 11.1.2 & 11.2.1 of GPWIS standard agreement **(Annexure-I)**
- (ii) Amend para 3.6, 4.2, 6.1, 6.2, 7.3, 12.10.2.3(vi), 12.10.2.3.(vii) of LSFTO Master Circular/2020 **(Annexure-II)**;
- (iii) Amend para 3.6, 6.6, 11.10.2.3(vi), 11.10.2.3.(vii) of SFTO Master Circular/2018 **(Annexure-III)**; and
- (iv) Amend para 5.2.3.6 & 5.2.3.7 of Annexure 'B' of LWIS Master Circular/2018 **(Annexure-IV)**

2. The above amendments are effective from the date of issue of this letter. Zonal Railways are advised to take further necessary action for incorporating the same in the rake agreements.

3. CRIS is requested to carry out appropriate changes in FOIS in accordance with the above.

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

(Yasir Rizvi)

Jt. Dir. Freight Marketing

No. 2020/TC(FM)/4/2 (e-3362268)

New Delhi , dated 03.07.2026

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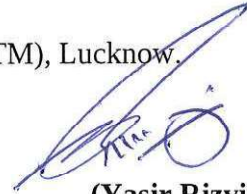
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6. MD/CRIS, CAO/System/FOIS and GM/FOIS, CRIS, New Delhi, for necessary action
7. Director General, RDSO, Manak Nagar, Lucknow.
8. Director General, Railway Staff College, Vadodara.
9. Director, Indian Railways Institute of Transport Management (IRITM), Lucknow.
10. Managing Director, DFCCIL, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.



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Annexure-I

Amendments in GPWIS Master Circular and GPWIS Standard Agreement

AMENDMENT IN GPWIS MASTER CIRCULAR/2018									
Existing	Amended								
Para 11.2.3.6 in Chapter-III 11.2.3.6 Ground Usage Charge will be levied on per train per hour basis irrespective of the number of goods on the ground.	11.2.3.6: Ground Usage Charge will be levied at the prevailing rate of wharfage as per provisions in Chapter-II of <i>Rates Master Circular Demurrage/wharfage Waiver/</i> 2016/0 dt 19.05.2016 and amendments/ corrigenda issued from time to time. Ground Usage charge shall not be leviable at Private Siding/PFT/GCT								
Para - 11.2.3.7 in Chapter-III Ground Usage Charge will be levied for full rake at the prevailing rate of Wharfage charge, as under and its amendment/corrigendum issued from time to time: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Type of goods shed</td><td>Present rate of Wharfage charge (per wagon per hour or part thereof)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Group-I</td><td>Rs.150/-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Group-II</td><td>Rs.120/-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Group-III</td><td>Rs.75/-</td></tr> </table>	Type of goods shed	Present rate of Wharfage charge (per wagon per hour or part thereof)	Group-I	Rs.150/-	Group-II	Rs.120/-	Group-III	Rs.75/-	Deleted
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AMENDMENTS IN STANDARD GPWIS AGREEMENT FM Circular 11/2019									
Existing	Amended								
Para 11.1.1 - Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Party shall not transfer this Agreement, before the completion of 1 (one) year from the Commercial Operation Date, to any third party except if the same is done in favour of a direct/indirect subsidiary or holding company (as defined in the Companies Act 1956) or any transfer of this Agreement by the Party to any Lender's Nominee for substitution of the Party pursuant to a Financing Event of Default under any Financing Document through the Substitution Agreement ("Transferee"), subject to such Transferee being found acceptable by the Ministry of Railways from a national security and public interest perspective. Such assignment/transfer will be subject to settlement of all the dues of Railways by the Party.	Para 11.1.1 - Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Party shall not transfer this Agreement, before the completion of 1 (one) year from the Commercial Operation Date, to any third party except if the same is done in favour of a direct/indirect subsidiary or holding company (as defined in the Companies Act 1956) or any transfer of this Agreement by the Party to any Lender's Nominee for substitution of the Party pursuant to a Financing Event of Default under any Financing Document through the Substitution Agreement ("Transferee"). Such assignment/ transfer will be subject to settlement of all the dues of Railways by the Party.								
Para 11.1.2 - The Party may transfer the rake to any third party after one (1) year after the commencement of commercial operations of	Para 11.1.2 - The Party may transfer the rake to any third party after one (1) year after the commencement of commercial								

<p>the Party's GPWs, however subject to the condition that such transfer shall be effected only pursuant to an approval from the Ministry of Railways, which may reject the transfer or assignment only if it believes that such transfer would be prejudicial to national security or public interest.</p>	<p>operations of the Party's GPWs, however subject to the condition that such transfer shall be effected only pursuant to an approval from the Ministry of Railways.</p>
<p>Para 11.2.1 - There shall be no Change of Control of the Party through transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any equity or other contractual arrangement before the completion of one year from the commencement of commercial operations of the trains consisting of Party's GPWs pursuant to this Agreement, where after there may be a Change of Control, subject, however, to the condition that such Change of Control shall be effected only after an approval from the Ministry of Railways, which may reject such Change of Control from a national security or public interest perspective.</p>	<p>Para 11.2.1 - There shall be no Change of Control of the Party through transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any equity or other contractual arrangement before the completion of one year from the commencement of commercial operations of the trains consisting of Party's GPWs pursuant to this Agreement, where after there may be a Change of Control, subject, however, to the condition that such Change of Control shall be effected only after an approval from the Ministry of Railways.</p>



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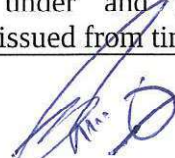
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Annexure-II

Amendments in LSFTO Master Circular/2020

Existing	Amended
Para 3.6 : There shall be no Change of Control of the Party through transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any equity or other contractual arrangement before the completion of one year from the commencement of commercial operations of the trains consisting of Party's GPWs pursuant to this Agreement, where after there may be a Change of Control, subject, however, to the condition that such Change of Control shall be effected only after an approval from the Ministry of Railways, which may reject such Change of Control from a national security or public interest perspective.	Para 3.6: There shall be no Change of Control of the Party through transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any equity or other contractual arrangement before the completion of one year from the commencement of commercial operations of the trains consisting of Party's GPWs pursuant to this Agreement, where after there may be a Change of Control, subject, however, to the condition that such Change of Control shall be effected only after an approval from the Ministry of Railways.
Para 4.2: On receipt of the application, MOR shall study the proposal in detail (in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate of MOR) and grant necessary approvals of registration and procurement as per the provisions of the policy subject to the condition that grant of such permission is not inimical to public interest and national security.	Para 4.2: On receipt of the application, MOR shall study the proposal in detail (in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate of MOR) and grant necessary approvals of registration and procurement as per the provisions of the policy.
Para 7.3: On receipt of the application, MOR shall study the proposal in detail (in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate of MOR) & NOC from concerned zonal railway and grant necessary approval for procurement and operation of the rake(s) as per the provisions of the policy subject to the condition that grant of such permission is not inimical to public interest and national security.	Para 7.3: On receipt of the application, MOR shall study the proposal in detail (in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate of MOR) & NOC from concerned zonal railway and grant necessary approval for procurement and operation of the rake(s) as per the provisions of the policy.
Para 6.1: Agreement for registration as SFTO would be signed by CCM(FM) of the Nodal Zonal Railway and the authorized signatory of firm within six months from the date of approval by MOR. This agreement will be valid for 35 years, or till the period the rakes are operational whichever is earlier. This may be renewed. For renewal of agreement, application as in para 4.0 has to be submitted at least one month before expiry of agreement. However, if the agreement is terminated by invoking para 15 of this	Para 6.1: Agreement <u>under LSFTO policy</u> would be signed by CCM(FM) of the Nodal Zonal Railway and the authorized signatory of firm, within six months from the date of approval by MoR. This agreement will be valid for 35 years, or till the period the rakes are operational whichever is earlier. This may be renewed. For renewal of agreement, application as in para 4.0 has to be submitted at least one month before expiry of agreement. However, if the agreement is terminated by invoking para 15 of this policy, the rakes will cease to operate and dealt as

<p>policy, the rakes will cease to operate and dealt as per the provisions therein.</p> <p>It will be the responsibility of zonal railway to keep the agreement and its annexures in their safe custody after expiry of agreement till the last rake is in operation.</p>	<p>per the provisions therein.</p> <p>It will be the responsibility of zonal railway to keep the agreement and its annexures in their safe custody after expiry of agreement till the last rake is in operation.</p>
<p>Para 6.2 : On approval of each rake the details of induction of rakes will be annexed with the agreement for registration as mentioned in para 6.1 above. The annexure should contain details like date of induction, Purchase Order No., Rake No., type, commodities permitted, wagon numbers, brake van undertaking details and brake van number, circuit details (with amendments from time to time), base depot, etc., It will be the responsibility of Nodal Zonal Railway to notify the induction of rakes with details to all the concerned zonal railways.</p>	<p>Para 6.2: On approval of each rake the details of induction of rakes will be annexed with the agreement as mentioned in para 6.1 above. The annexure should contain details like date of induction, Purchase Order No., Rake No., type, commodities permitted, wagon numbers, brake van undertaking details and brake van number, circuit details (with amendments from time to time), base depot, etc., It will be the responsibility of Nodal Zonal Railway to notify the induction of rakes with details to all the concerned zonal railways.</p>
<p>Para 12.10.2.3 (vi) : Ground Usage Charge will be levied on per train per hour basis irrespective of the number of goods on the ground.</p>	<p>Para 12.10.2.3 (vi) : Ground Usage Charge will be levied at the prevailing rate of wharfage as per provisions in Chapter-II of <i>Rates Master Circular Demurrage/ wharfage Waiver/2016/0 dt 19.05.2016</i> and amendments/corrigenda issued from time to time.</p> <p>Ground Usage charge shall not be leviable at Private Siding/PFT/GCT</p>
<p>Para 12.10.2.3(vii)</p> <p>Ground Usage Charge will be levied for full rake at the prevailing rate of Wharfage charge, as under and its amendment/ corrigendum issued from time to time:</p>	<p>Delete</p>



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Annexure-III

Amendments in SFTO Master Circular/2018

Existing para	Amended para
Para 3.6 : There shall be no Change of Control of the Party through transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any equity or other contractual arrangement before the completion of one year from the commencement of commercial operations of the trains consisting of Party's GPWs pursuant to this Agreement, where after there may be a Change of Control, subject, however, to the condition that such Change of Control shall be effected only after an approval from the Ministry of Railways, which may reject such Change of Control from a national security or public interest perspective.	3.6: There shall be no Change of Control of the Party through transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any equity or other contractual arrangement before the completion of one year from the commencement of commercial operations of the trains consisting of Party's GPWs pursuant to this Agreement, where after there may be a Change of Control, subject, however, to the condition that such Change of Control shall be effected only after an approval from the Ministry of Railways.
Para 6.6: On receipt of the application, MOR shall study the proposal in detail (in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate of MOR) and grant necessary approvals of registration and procurement as per the provisions of the policy subject to the condition that grant of such permission is not inimical to public interest and national security.	6.6: On receipt of the application, MOR shall study the proposal in detail (in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate of MOR) and grant necessary approvals of registration and procurement as per the provisions of the policy.
Para 11.10.2.3 (vi) Ground Usage Charge will be levied on per train per hour basis irrespective of the number of goods on the ground.	Para 11.10.2.3 (vi) Ground Usage Charge will be levied at the prevailing rate of wharfage as per provisions in Chapter-II of <i>Rates Master Circular Demurrage/wharfage Waiver/ 2016/0 dt 19.05.2016</i> and amendments/ corrigenda issued from time to time. Ground Usage charge shall not be leviable at Private Siding/PFT/GCT
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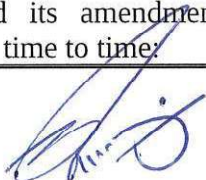

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Annexure-IV

Amendment in LWIS Master Circular/2018

Existing para	Amended para
Para 5.2.3(vi) of Annexure-B Ground Usage Charge will be levied on per train per hour basis irrespective of the number of goods on the ground.	Para 5.2.3 (vi) of Annexure-B Ground Usage Charge will be levied at the prevailing rate of wharfage as per provisions in Chapter-II of <i>Rates Master Circular Demurrage/wharfage Waiver/ 2016/0 dt 19.05.2016</i> and amendments/corrigenda issued from time to time. Ground Usage charge shall not be leviable at Private Siding/PFT/GCT
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