

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

Commercial Circular No. २३ of 2015

No.TCII/2910/99/SL/Policy

New Delhi, dt. 16.04.2015

The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Declaring Sleeper Class Coaches as Sleeper Class Unreserved/Unreserved Second Class.

Ref.:- Board's letters of even nos. dated 31.03.1999 & 18.03.2008

The following powers have already been delegated to General Managers of Zonal Railways:-

- i. To declare on specific sections of various trains including superfast trains, where they find sufficient demand, requisite number of Sleeper Class coaches as Sleeper Class unreserved coaches during daytime only.
 - ii. In such coaches, reserved passengers are not booked on daytime only.
 - iii. The Sleeper Class fares between such sections is charged on actual distance (and not the minimum distance).
 - iv. The passengers holding Second Class tickets is also permitted by Conductors/TTEs to travel in these Coaches on payment of difference of fare.
2. Further to the above instructions, Ministry of Railways have decided to delegate powers to General Managers of Zonal Railways to declare requisite number of sleeper class coaches in identified trains as Second Class unreserved Coaches in nominated sections during daytime where the sleeper class coaches are running empty or in locked condition due to insufficient demand. Second Class fares will be charged for travel in such coaches. In case of demand, some of these coaches can also be earmarked as reserved second class coaches (2S). It shall be ensured that reserved sleeper class passengers will not be booked in such coaches in the identified trains/sections.
3. The General Managers can identify specific trains in specific sections and permit re-designation of Sleeper class coaches (GSCN) as General coaches (GS) on experimental basis initially for a period of 6 months. Based on the response GMs can extend the same on a regular basis if there is increase in passenger bookings/earnings for the section/train.
4. Wherever it is necessary to implement the above scheme, the following points should be kept in consideration:-
- i. There is lack of demand for sleeper class accommodation in identified trains/sections as observed over a period of time/seen from PRS data.
 - ii. A suitable mechanism may be put in place by the Railways to keep regular watch on the utilization of such coaches. Record of incremental earning from additional traffic generated may be kept through a suitable mechanism.
 - iii. A monthly feedback on passengers booked/earning from such trains/coaches may be sent by CCMs to Railway Board irrespective of whether the delegation has been used or not. List of sections, trains and number of coaches re-designated as per this circular may be advised to Board.
 - iv. Whenever the demand for sleeper class accommodation increases in such trains, required number of coaches could be again restored as sleeper class coaches with the approval of the General Manager.

5. This issue with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.
6. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned immediately.
7. This is in supersession to Board's letters of even nos. dated 31.03.1999 & 18.03.2008 issued on the subject.

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5. **MD, GM/PRS, GM/UTSCentre** for Railway Information System (CRIS), Chanakyapuri, Near National Rail Museum, New Delhi, for making necessary changes in the PRS and UTS softwares.
6. MD, IRCTC, 9th Floor, Bank of Baroda Building, 16, Sansad Marg, N.Delhi.
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11. General Secretary, IRCA, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi for issue of necessary correction slip to Coaching Tariff No. 26 part-I (Vol.I)
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