

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2014/TG-III/631/2

New Delhi, Dated: 06.07.2016

The Chief Commercial Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

The CMD, IRCTC,
New Delhi.

(Commercial Circular No. 37 /2016)

Sub: - Shortlisting of Firms/Companies for 'Ready to Eat Meals' on Trains.

Ref: (i) Board's CC No. 6/2015 dated 30/01/2015

(ii) NWR's letter no. C.45/Ready to Eat Meals dated 03 & 27/07/2015

In partial modification of Board's instructions regarding introduction of 'Ready to Eat' meals on trains, issued vide CC No. 6/2015 dated 30/01/2015, following guidelines are issued:

1. In reference to Para 2.1 of Board's instructions dated 30/01/2015, it has now been decided that IRCTC will empanel Firms/Companies which produce branded RTE meals/items on behalf of all Zonal Railways as per extant instructions. IRCTC shall select firms which produce reputed and branded RTE meals/items so as to provide variety, quality & hygienic RTE meals at affordable price to the passengers across all zonal railways. Approval/shortlisting of firms will be done by IRCTC through Expression of Interest (EOI) to ensure participation of reputed firms having national and/or international presence with wide range of RTE products. A firm/company once empanelled by IRCTC will have empanelment validity across all Zonal Railways for a period of 3+2 years. IRCTC will shortlist the RTE products of the firms/company and regularly update the information on its websites regarding shortlisted RTE products. The same information shall also be forwarded to Railway Board/Zonal Railways on monthly basis so as to enable railways to ensure availability of empanelled RTE products to rail passengers.
2. No additional license fee needs to be collected from the vendors as indicated in terms of Para No. 7.1 of Board's letter dated 30/01/2015 (CC No. 6/2015). However, an EMD of Rs. 8 lakhs shall be payable by the participating firms in EOI. The EMD paid by those firms who eventually get empanelled, would be converted into empanelment fee-cum-security deposit which is refundable without interest, after the lock in period of 2 years if the firm wishes to prematurely exit from the empanelled list. The EMD paid by the unsuccessful participants in the EOI, who are not empanelled, shall be refunded.



3. Exemption to submission of retort technology certificates, as required vide Para 3.3 of CC No. 6/2015, will be considered only in case of RTE items which do not require retort technology for preservation. However, compliance of all FSSAI norms and standards of food safety, quality and hygiene will be ensured by Zonal Railways/IRCTC.
4. In modification of Para 5.2 of CC No. 6/2015, the shortlisted firms/companies may make available the RTE meals/items of the portion size already available in the market at the same price. No specific packaging for railways shall be required.
5. Paras 2.2 and 2.4 of the CC No.06/2015 stands deleted.



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For Financial Commissioner, Railways

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