भारत सरकार Government of India
रेल मन्त्रालय Ministry of Railways
(रेलवे बोर्ड Railway Board)
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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: PRS Policy – Manning of PRS centers by other than Railway staff.
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As per extant policy guidelines issued vide Railway Board's letter of even number dated 02.03.06, at least one PRS is to be provided in every district. District authorities are supposed to provide free-of-cost accommodation, if location is a non-railhead one and other costs towards channel hiring and equipment etc. are to be borne by railways. It has been noted that undue delay has been taking place in opening such PRSs due to non-provision of accommodation and other administrative reasons such as shortage and non-availability of ECRCs etc. The policy guidelines have a provision that PRS at non-railhead locations (e.g. hilly terrains, far flung areas or district headquarters/cities etc.) may be allowed to be manned by the staff of State Govts. or Deptt. of Posts on mutually agreed terms and conditions. (Refer Paras (ii), (vii), (viii) of the Policy guidelines dated 02.03.2006).

2. Board have reviewed the policy and have decided that:-

(a) In non-railhead district locations PRSs can be commissioned in the accommodation provided free of cost by State Govts. and operated by their staff.

(b) The cost of hardware equipment, channel hiring (both initial as well as replacement and recurring) will be borne by the railways.

(c) The costs of electrical connections, air-conditioning and civil works, if any at the PRS centers, would be borne by State Govt.

(d) Such PRS centers would be operated by staff of State Govt., who would be given adequate training by railways before commissioning the PRS.

(e) For operation of such PRSs (in district headquarters locations) State Govt. would be entitled to 2% commission on net sale proceeds (after deduction of all cancellation transactions).

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(f) This scheme will be valid and **applicable only for those locations, which are already sanctioned by Railway Board and advised to the zonal railways**. (List enclosed as **Annexure 'A'**).

(g) In case, this option does not materialize, these locations may be commissioned and operated by railways at their cost (excluding free cost of accommodation to be provided by State Govts. for non-rail head district headquarters) by railway staff.

3. Some of sanctioned non-railhead PRS locations are 'satellite' locations but have not been opened for various reasons. These can also be opened by offering them to State Govt. on similar terms and conditions. However, the commission to them would be admissible @ 1.5% of net proceeds of the PRS center. All other terms/conditions would be the same.

4. The zonal railways are advised to approach District Administration/ State Govts. for commissioning sanctioned non-railhead PRS centers early. (A copy of draft agreement under use on N.F. Railway for similar locations is enclosed herewith for ready reference as **Annexure 'B'**).

5. The issue of manning of non-railhead PRS locations by Deptt. of Post is also under finalization in Commercial Directorate. Railways will be informed as soon as same is formalized.

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

DA: As above.

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