भारत सरकार Government of India
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways
(रेलवे बोर्ड) (Railway Board)

2016/CEDO/ORI/O/01 New Delhi, Dated 17.09.2019

General Managers
All Zonal Railways

**Sub: Opening of Line for Goods Traffic**
**Ref:** Board's letter No. 2016/CEDO/ORI/O/01, dated 01.07.2019

1. One of the Zonal Railway has sought clarification whether N**ew Line** constructed for passenger & goods traffic both can be opened initially for goods traffic without CRS sanction.

2. The issue has been examined. Earlier, Board vide letter under reference dated 01.07.2019 has clarified as under:
   (i) CRS sanction is REQUIRED for commissioning doubling/ 3rd line/ 4th line projects if constructed for passenger carrying traffic, even if the same is initially opened for goods traffic.
   (ii) CRS sanction is NOT required for opening of lines constructed to carry only goods traffic, with or without electric traction. CRS sanction shall be required for remodelling of existing passenger yards if the same are getting affected with the commissioning of above goods line.

3. As such , in continuation of Board's letter under reference dated 01.07.2019 following is further clarified:

   **New Line**

   (i) **Single New Line** constructed for passenger carrying traffic, with or without electric traction, can be initially opened for goods traffic by General Manager of Zonal Railway without CRS sanction, based on

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joint inspection of the section by concerned Chief Track Engineer (CTE), Chief Electrical Distribution Engineer (CEDE), Chief Signal Engineer (CSE) and Chief Safety Officer (CSO) of Zonal Railway. Further, for seeking approval of GM, all the papers required for opening of line shall be on the same formats as are being used presently for seeking sanction of CRS.

CRS sanction shall be required for remodelling of existing passenger yards if the same are getting affected with the commissioning of above line for goods traffic.

CRS sanction shall be obtained before introduction of passenger traffic on the above line.

CE/Const. shall coordinate and approach General Manager through CAO/C for opening of line.

(ii) For **double New Line** constructed to carry passenger traffic, in case one line is opened for only goods traffic, second line can also be opened for only goods traffic by General Manager following procedure as per para 3(i) above. However, in case one line is already opened for passenger traffic, second line can be opened for goods or passenger traffic with CRS sanction only.

**Gauge Conversion**

(a) Existing single line if gauge converted to carry passenger traffic can be initially opened for goods traffic following procedure as per para 3(i) above.

(b) In case one line is already carrying passenger traffic and second line is gauge converted, the same can be opened for goods or passenger traffic with CRS sanction.

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4. Further, railways are advised to follow same procedure as per para 3(i) above for opening of lines constructed to carry only goods traffic.

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