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

No. TC-I/2019/201/2 New Delhi, dt.27.03.2020

General Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: **Relaxation in Demurrage and Wharfage rules**
Ref: (i)Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and its corrigenda
(ii)Rates Master Circular/CRT-CCR-Hub&Spoke/2015/0 and its corrigenda
(iii) Board's letter E-office No.667735/2020 dt.23.03.2020

Please refer to Board's letter under reference(iii) wherein sanction of competent authority is accorded for relaxation of Demurrage and Wharfage rules till 31.03.2020.

Ministry of Finance vide OM No.18/4/2020-PPD dt.19.02.2020 *inter alia* citing *"A force majeure(FM) means extraordinary events or circumstance beyond human control such as an event described as an Act of God (like a **natural calamity**)"* has clarified that spread of corona virus should be considered as a case of natural calamity and Force Majeure Clause may be invoked.

In partial modification of the Board's letter/circulars under reference, the competent authority has decided that the period from 22.03.2020 to 14.04.2020 shall be treated under force majeure and none of the following mentioned charges shall arise for this period -

Name of Charge	Relevant Para	Circular
Demurrage	3.0 of Chapter-I	Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and its corrigenda/addenda
Wharfage	4.0, 5.2 of Chapter-II	
Stacking	7.7, 7.8, 7.12 of Chapter-II	
Stabling, Demurrage in case of privately/jointly owned stock	6.3, 7.1, 7.2 of Chapter-I	
Demurrage on parcel traffic	3.3	Rates Circular No.69 of 2009 and its corrigendum
Wharfage on parcel traffic	2.5	
Detention Charge in case of container traffic	3.2.6 of Chapter-I	Rates Master Circular/CRT-CCR-Hub&Spoke/2015/0 and its corrigenda
Ground Usage Charge in case of container traffic	3.3.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3 of Chapter-I	

Zonal Railways must coordinate with State Government authorities to ensure logistics support in order to keep up the essential goods transportation.

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

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27.3.2020
for **Financial Commissioner(Railways)**

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