

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY**  
Rates Circular (Coaching) No. 39 of 2015  
(Case No. C/73/2/Pt.II/RC)

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**Sub- Transportation of Relief material by Rail.**

1. On a number of occasions in the past. Ministry of Railways has given instructions for transportation of relief material by rail, to areas/regions affected by natural calamities, free of charge. The amount foregone was to be reimbursed to the Indian Railways by the Central Government. However, sometime back, when a State Government approached the Ministry of Railways for permitting free transportation of relief material to drought hit parts of the State, the matter was referred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation which is the nodal body for such matters. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation have informed that the extant arrangement stands discontinued.
2. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation have now advised that a State Disaster Response Fund(SDRF)/ National Disaster Response Fund(NDRF) has been constitute under the provision of Disaster Management Act 2005. The State Governments are supposed to initiate necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought from SDRF which is readily available with them. The items and the Norms of Assistance for utilization of SDRF have been issued by Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter No 32-7/2014-NDM-I DATED 08.04.,2015( copy enclosed).It is also mentioned that additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is provided from NDRF for natural calamities of severe nature on receipt of Memorandum from the State Government and in accordance with extant norms and procedures. If there is no provision in the norms for reimbursement of any activity, the State Government will have to bear the expense from its own resources.  
The foregoing implies that from now onwards, the State Government(s) shall bear the cost of transportation of relief materials when moved by goods wagons or parcel vans.
3. In view of the above, Board desires that the above arrangement be brought to the notice of State Government(s) wherever, a request for free transportation of relief material is required from them.
4. This issues in consultation with Traffic Commercial(Freight Marketing), Traffic Transportation and with concurrence of Finance Directorate in the Ministry of Railways.  
All the circulars issued on & after 01.01.2014 are also available on this Railway website [www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in) and the same can also be downloaded.  
DRM to please ensure compliance by staff.  
Staff concerned to note and act accordingly.

**Authority-**(Railway Board's letter No. TCR/1147/2015/01 dt. 18.6.2015 RC No. 21 of 15)

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