

Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)
(Railway Board)

No.2009/TG-V/5/2.

New Delhi, dated 4.09.2009

The Chief Commercial Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Commercial Circular No.41/2009

Sub: Checking of genuineness and watermarking of EFT Books.

A case of defrauding the railway came to notice recently through Vigilance Directorate wherein issue of a large number of fake EFT books was detected. The modus operandi was that a Dy.CTI got published fake EFT books. These fake EFT books were in possession of the Dy CTI responsible for distribution of EFTs to TTEs for use. He issued the fake EFT books to the TTEs and retained the original EFT books with him. The money generated on the fake EFTs was deposited in the government treasury. Investigations revealed that there was no 'Water Mark' on them. Later on, he fraudulently used the genuine ones and pocketed the money.

2. Instructions were earlier issued by the Stores Dtc. In the Board's office vide letter No. 92/RS(PP)/MV/Pt.I dated 1.11.95 and Director Printing's letter No. 2004/RS(Ptg.)/MV dated 27.4.06 that all money value books i.e. EFTs, BPTs, PW Bills, RRS, Passes and PTOs should be printed on Special Grade Security Paper with water mark. The main difference between a fake and genuine EFT/BPT is the non-existence of distinct water mark in the fake one.

3. Board desire that the following steps be taken for printing and supply of EFT/BPT books:

- 1) Existing stock of all EFT/BPT books be got thoroughly checked;
- 2) Any EFT/BPT foil/book found without watermark be immediately condemned and returned to the printing press;
- 3) Printing of Railway-wise code as envisaged in Board's letter No. TCII/2390/99/BPT-EFT dated 13.9.2004 be ensured;
- 4) The ticket checking staff on stock keeping duties should ensure and certify the watermark on each foil of the books;
- 5) The ticket checking staff accepting these books should themselves ensure the water mark on each foil and give a certificate to this effect before accepting such books. Any case of misprint or suspicion may immediately be reported to the higher authority; and

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6) The ticket checking staff detailed for stock keeping should not be allowed to do ticket checking duties or to issue any EFT.,

4. In addition, a 15-day drive starting 5.9.2009 may be conducted in all the Divisions and Units to verify the existing stock of EFTs, used and unused, for its genuineness/watermarking. Non-watermarked EFTs/BPTS, if detected, may be immediately seized and their source of origin traced. Strict action may be taken against the concerned staff responsible for the same. The seized fake EFT/BPT Books be defaced to prevent any further use. It may be ensured that they are not destroyed due to any possible legal recourse taken by the staff found responsible for the lapse. The report of the 15-day drive be compiled division-wise and submitted to the Board's office within ten days of the completion of the drive starting 5.9.2009.

5. These instructions are illustrative and not exhaustive. Railways may innovate the same if necessary with the sole intention of system improvement since fake money value books especially EFTs and BPTs have been a matter of deep concern for the Railways.

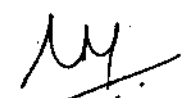


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Copy to:

- i. Adviser (Railway Stores) requesting to reiterate the instructions as contained in their letter No. 92/RS(PP)/MV/Pt.I dated 1.11.95 regarding printing of all money value books i.e. EFTs, BPTs, PW Bills, RRS, Passes and PTOs on Special Grade of Security Papers with water mark.
- ii. EDVT for information with reference to his Note No.2009/V(SS)/LG-3/2 dated 28.7.2009.
- iii. ED(A/Cs) for information and necessary action please.



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