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

No. 2020/TC(FM)/10/18

New Delhi, dated 03.12.2020

Principal Chief Commercial Managers, All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Clarification regarding non-commencement of leased contracts in

corresponding Passenger Special Trains.

Ref: Railway Board's letter no. 2020/TC(FM)/11/11, dated 25.06.2020.

Attention is invited to the Board's letter under ref-(i), wherein lease contracts for Parcel space in SLRs/VPs have been permitted in Passenger Special Trains, as per the regular corresponding time-tabled service. In this regard, representations have been received from Zonal Railway under ref-(ii) seeking guidelines to deal with cases related to non-commencement of leased contracts of parcel space in SLRs/VPs to be attached to corresponding Passenger Special Trains. The matter has been examined, and it is clarified as follows:

Scenario 1:

If leaseholder has served 60 days 'Surrender Notice for Termination of the Contract' prior to the lockdown or cancellation of the regular train service, and operation of the notice period could not be ensured due to cancellation of train service, Zonal Railway may accept such Notice and the Contract may accordingly be terminated without forfeiture of Security Deposit. However, the condition of completion of the contract for one year (which may include period of non-operation of the train) must be ensured strictly.

Scenario 2:

If leaseholder has served 60 days Surrender Notice after lockdown and cancellation of the regular train service and no corresponding Passenger Special Train service was in operation at the time of serving the surrender notice, Zonal Railway may accept such Notice, and the contract may accordingly be terminated without forfeiture of Security Deposit – subject to the following conditions:

i. The contract should have completed period of one year (including the period of nonoperation of the train);

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ii. If the regular or corresponding Special Train service resumes before the expiry of the notice period of 60 days, the leaseholder shall operate the contract for the remaining notice period.

Scenario 3:

If leaseholder has not commenced the contract in the corresponding Passenger Special Train service, Zonal Railway shall get in touch with lease-holder to motivate him to commence the leasing contract for parcel space as per Agreement, for which a reasonable time – as decided by the Zonal Railway – may be given.

If the leaseholder commences the contract within the given time, the intervening period (during which the lease remained non-operational) may be decided as per the provisions of para 32.5 of the Comprehensive Parcel Leasing Policy.

However, if the leaseholder fails to commence the contract within the given time, Zonal Railway shall terminate the contract along with forfeiture of Security Deposit (as per Para 20.4 of the CPLP).

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

(This disposes off Western Railway's letters No. C 78/1/117/Parcel Policy Vol. XVI dated 27.11.2020, 04.10.2020, and 02.09.2020.)

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