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

No. 2017/RS/Ptg.&Sty./AP/PP/IR

New Delhi, dated: 03.05.2023

The General Managers, All Indian Railways.

Sub: Closure of Railway Printing Presses.

Ref: i) Railway Board's letter No.2018/RS/Ptg.&Sty./AP/PP/IR dated 04.06.2019,

ii) Railway Board's letter of even number dated 27.01.2022.

Closure of five printing presses located at (i) Byculla-Mumbai (CR), (ii) Howrah (ER), (iii) Shakurbasti-Delhi (NR), (iv) Royapuram-Chennai (SR), and (v) Secunderabad (SCR), as communicated vide letter dated 04.06.2019 (Ref. i) was deferred temporarily till the end of March'2023 vide Board's letter dated 27.01.2022 (Ref. ii).

- 2. It has now been decided to close these printing presses.
- 3. Broad guidelines for implementation of closure of the presses are as below:
- Released staff to be re-deployed suitably.
- All Machines, plants, etc. available in these presses should be disposed of by the concerned Zonal Railway in a manner so as to derive maximum value for money.
- iii) Printing of PRS and UTS tickets as well as money value items should be outsourced to Trade (IBA/RBI approved Security Printers) till complete digitization of ticketing systems and money value items.
- iv) Traffic Commercial Directorate/Railway Board should take action to digitize all the ticketing systems including PRS and UTS tickets and also all money value documents in time bound manner.
- v) The land released should be gainfully utilized.

 This is issued with the approval of Railway Board (CRB & CEO, M/TRS, M/O&BD and MF).

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Director RS(F)

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