

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

No.2017/TG-III/461/1

New Delhi, dated: // .07.2023

The Principal Chief Commercial Managers,
All Indian Railways.

CMD/IRCTC,
Statesman House Building,
Barakhamba Road,
New Delhi.

Sub: Sale of Newspaper over Indian Railways.

Ref: Indian Newspaper Society's (INS) Letter No.P/755 dated 07.03.2023.

Vide the letter referenced above, Indian Newspaper Society, the apex body of small, medium and large newspapers of India, has brought to the notice that the publishers have not been given permission to sell/distribute the newspapers at the Railway stations/trains even after resumption of normal train services after the COVID pandemic.

- The Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) Policy 2017 vide item no.1.2 clearly stipulates 'Newspaper' as travelling needs of passengers to be made available at all MPS including those Miscellaneous/Chemist/Bookstalls which have been converted into MPS.
- Zonal Railways are advised to ensure availability of newspaper at stations and in trains as was being done in pre-COVID period as per the extant procedure.
- It is reiterated that sale/distribution of newspapers on IR, as was prevalent prior to COVID, needs to be continued as per the extant procedures and at present, there is no restriction on it.

Zonal Railways must confirm the compliance to this office **positively by 20.07.2023** for appraisal of the Board.


(Sumeet Singh)
DTCG as Dir.(T&C)
Railway Board.