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1. General Information

1.1. **Application Overview**

Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System (IREPS) is the web Portal of Indian Railways for online activities related to procurement of Goods, Works & Services, Sale of Materials, Leasing of Assets & Services, Vendor Approvals and Material Inspections and other similar activities. IREPS application can be accessed with a valid user ID and Password in combination with a Digital Signing Certificate. The application is divided in different work areas depending upon the nature of activity viz. Goods and Services, Works, Earning / Leasing-Tenders, E-Auction Sale, E-Auction Leasing etc.

1.2. Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this document is to familiarize the railway users with the functionalities and processes related to waiver of demurrage and wharfage.

1.3. **Points of Contact**

For clarification about any specific process of IREPS application the contact point is IREPS-Helpdesk. For further details about Helpdesk functionality, **Helpdesk** section of this manual may be referred to.

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2. Overview

2.1. **Demurrage:**

The delay in loading or unloading wagons, as the case may be, after a specified free time, causes levy of penalty charges from the customer (consignor or consignee respectively) called demurrage charges.

2.2. Wharfage:

Wharf is space allotted by railways to the customer to facilitate his loading/unloading. Any delay by customer in carrying out loading/unloading and blocking space at wharf invites penalty charge on the customer called Wharfage charge.

2.3. **Case Scenarios:** As per the current policy, there are four variations of Demurrage and Wharfage, as explained below

i. Demurrage against RR

This is the demurrage levied against individual RRs for detention of Rake/Wagon beyond permissible free time at a Goods Shed.

ii. Demurrage against Customer (Siding)

This is the demurrage levied against a customer for detention of Rake/Wagon beyond permissible free time at a private siding. It is consolidated amount of Demurrage levied against RR of the rakes released on a particular month at a location for a customer.

iii. Demurrage against Customer (Debit/Credit)

This is the demurrage levied on monthly basis against those customers who are covered under Debit/Credit system.

iv. Wharfage against RR

This is the wharfage levied against individual RRs. The amount is consolidated amount of Wharfage levied against all wagons of the RR.



2.4. **Submission of request for waiver:** Customers shall submit their request for waiver of Demurrage and Wharfage to competent authority through FBD portal of Indian Railways.

All the data and documents associated with the request shall automatically get ported to IREPS portal on the same day.

Each application for waiver requires comments of the concerned goods clerk before putting up the same to the competent authority for decision. Such comments shall be submitted by the goods clerk on FBD portal, and these comments also become available on IREPS portal against the corresponding request, on the date of submission.

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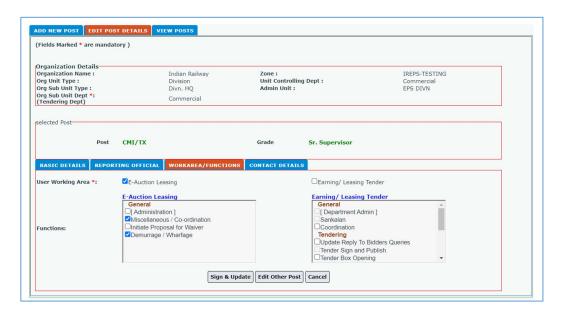
3. Processing of Waiver Application

3.1. **Demurrage / Wharfage tab**: A separate interface has been provided on IREPS portal for handling applications submitted by the customers for waiver of demurrage/ wharfage. Railway users are required to login into IREPS application to access this interface.

This interface can be accessed through **Demm / Whar** tab in *E-Auction Leasing* as well as *Earning / Leasing* modules of IREPS as shown below.



Important: *Demm / Whar* tab is visible only to those users whose post has been assigned the Demurrage / Wharfage function. This function can be assigned by the admin of the unit through Admin tab (*Manage Posts → Edit Post Details → Edit → Workarea/Functions*).



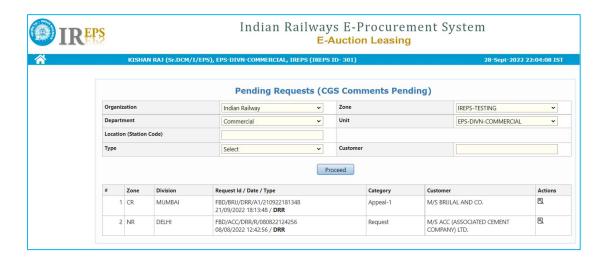


Demurrage / Wharfage tab has different links for accessing the requests which are at different stages of processing. The functionalities associated with these links are explained below.

3.2. Pending Requests (CGS Comments Pending)

This link provides access to all the applications submitted by the customers for waiver of demurrage / wharfage, for which the comments of the goods clerk are still pending. Clicking on this link brings up the following interface

Important: A request cannot be processed for waiver until the concerned goods clerk submits his comments for the same through FBD portal.



By default, all the waiver requests pertaining to the zone / division of the logged in user can be viewed by clicking of the *Proceed* button. The user has the option to view the requests related to a particular type by selecting suitable option in the *Type* field. Users can also filter the results further by entering the station/ location name in the *Location/Station Code* field.

The bottom pane of the interface displays important details related to the application. All the details related to a request can be viewed by clicking on \square icon against the request.



3.3. **Pending Requests (CGS Comments Received):** This link provides access to all the requests submitted by the customers for waiver of demurrage / wharfage, for which the comments of the goods clerk have been received.

Clicking on this link brings up an interface similar to the one described in para 3.2 above.



The bottom pane of the interface displays important details related to the requests. The proposals for waiver of demurrage / wharfage are initiated through this interface. There are variations in the procedures for processing of requests for different case scenarios. The procedures for all the case scenarios are explained below:

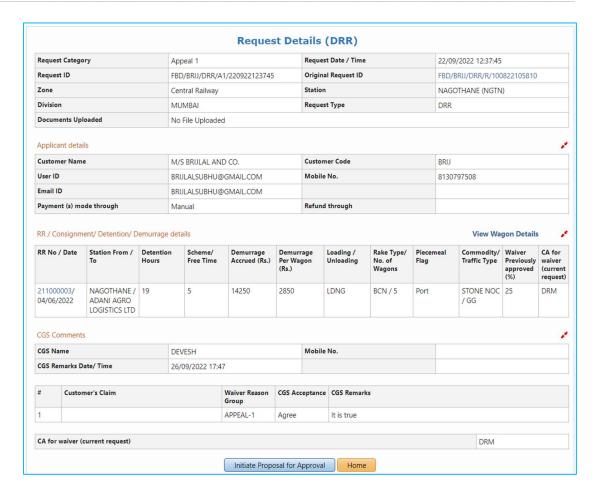
3.3.1. Demurrage against RR (DRR)

3.3.1.1. **Request Details Page**: Clicking on the request details icon against a request on *Pending Requests (CGS Comments Received)* interface brings up the *Request Details* page.

The information displayed on the *Request Details* page may vary from case to case, depending on the stage of request.

A typical screenshot of the *Request Details* page for *DRR* case scenario is shown below:





Some of the critical elements displayed on the *Request Details* page are described below (the remaining details are self-explanatory):

- A. After disposal of the original request, an applicant is allowed to submit two appeals, one after the other, if he is not satisfied with the outcome of the decision of the competent authority against previous request/ appeal. The *Request Category* field on the page indicates whether the current request is the original request, or the first / second appeal.
- B. The *Request Type* field describes the case scenario, as explained in para 2.3 above.
- C. The sum of the waiver approved in the previous stages of the application (original request/ appeal 1) is shown in percentage terms in the *Waiver Previously Approved* field.



- D. The authority competent to deal with the application is displayed against each RR against *CA for Waiver (current request)* field.
- E. The wagon details associated with the case can be viewed by clicking on the View Wagon Details link. These details are displayed in the following manner:

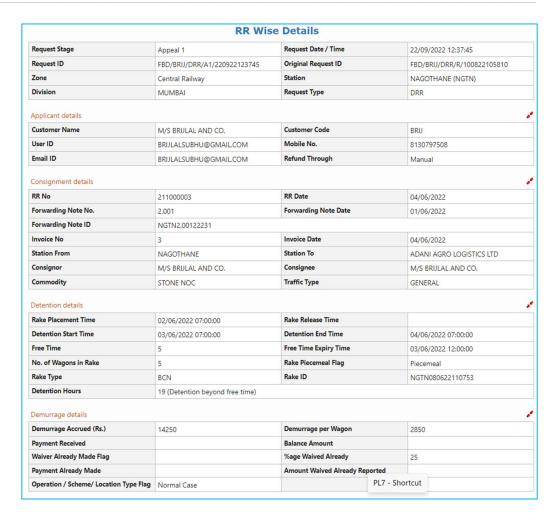


F. A few critical details pertaining to the RR are displayed on the Request Details page. Complete details related to the RR can be seen by clicking on the RR number in the RR No/ Date column under the section *RR/ Consignment/ Detention/ Demurrage Details* section of the page.

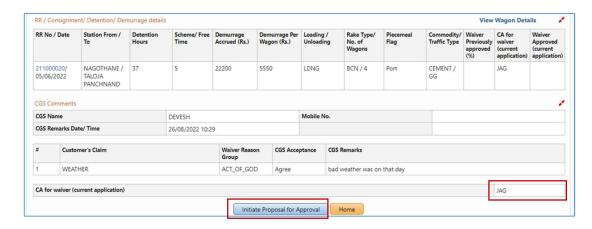
A screenshot of the RR wise details page is shown below:

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3.3.1.2. **Initiation of Proposal for Waiver:** For DRR case scenario the proposal for waiver of demurrage / wharfage can be initiated by clicking on the *Initiate Proposal for Approval* button at the bottom of the *Request Details* page.





Important: A request shall be initiated for processing by the OS/ commercial in the division, who can then forward the request to the competent authority or an intermediate officer. It is mandatory to assign *Initiate Proposal for Waiver* function to the concerned OS to enable him to initiate the proposal. However, Officials of Junior Scale or above grade level can initiate the proposal even if this function is not assigned to them.



The competent authority for approving waiver of demurrage / wharfage is shown on the *Request Details* page, and the approval for waiver can be granted by an official at the level displayed, or at higher level. Clicking on *Initiate Proposal for Approval* link brings up the *Workflow Initiation Process* interface, as shown below:



The initiator of the proposal can forward the proposal to the competent authority (or to any intermediate official) by selecting the official from the dropdown list in *Forward to* field. The dropdown shows the names of only those officials whose IREPS account exists under the same unit/department.



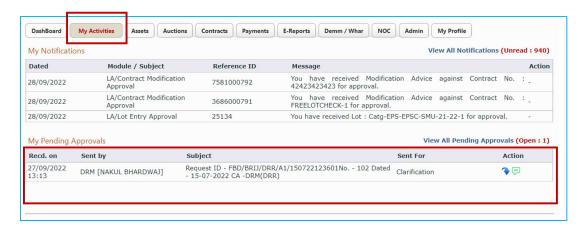
♣ There may be cases which are to be forwarded outside the unit (say, by Sr.DCM in a division to PCCM, whose account is created in Zonal HQ), or outside department (say, by the Sr.DCM: Commercial department to DRM: Administration department). In such cases the post picker () can be used to select the official.

The reason for which the proposal is being forwarded has to be selected from the dropdown against *Forward For* field. Remarks, if any can be entered in the forwarding remarks field.

If the proposal requires finance concurrence, the user can select Concurrence in the *Forward For* field, & select the finance user by using the post picker icon. A proposal that requires finance concurrence cannot be finalized unless the proposal has been concurred online by Finance.

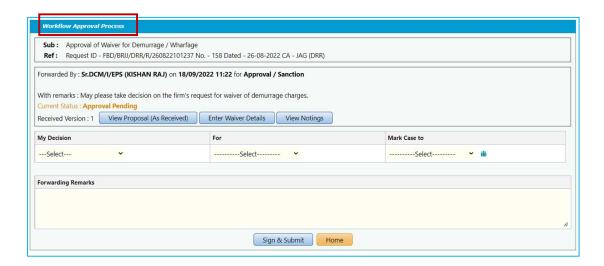
The user has to click on *Sign & Submit* button for digital signing and forwarding the proposal to the selected official.

3.3.1.3. **Decision by Competent Authority:** After a proposal has been initiated and forwarded, it becomes visible to the selected official in the *My Activities* tab, under *My Pending Approvals* section, as shown in the screenshot below:

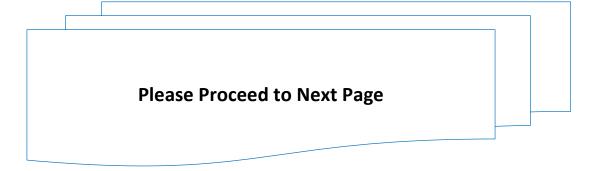


All the forwarding notes pertaining to a proposal can be viewed by clicking on Workflow – Notings icon against the proposal. The user can initiate action for any proposal by clicking on Workflow Process icon against the proposal, which brings up *Workflow Approval Process* interface.

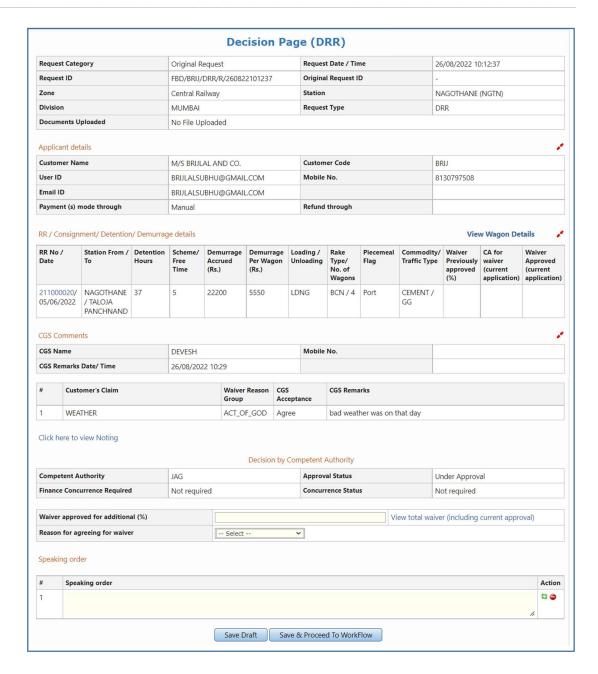




The proposal, as received by the official can be viewed by clicking on *View Proposal (As Received)* button. All forwarding notes pertaining to the proposal can be viewed by clicking on View Notings button. *Enter Waiver Details* button is available only to the authority competent to approve waiver. Clicking on this button brings up the *Decision Page*:





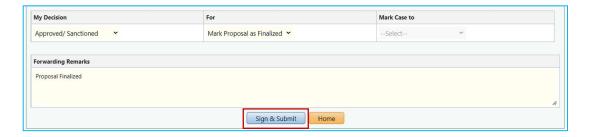


As can be seen, the top portion of the interface shows the request details, whereas the bottom portion is meant for entering the *Waiver* %, *Reason* for agreeing for waiver, and *Speaking order*.

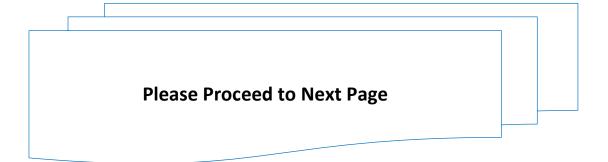
Partially filled data can be saved by clicking on Save Draft button. Once all the details have been entered, the user has to click on *Save & Proceed to Workflow* button. Clicking on this button brings up the Workflow Approval Process interface again.



The user can still modify the waiver details by clicking on the *Enter Waiver Details* button again. If no change is to be made in the entered details, the competent authority shall select *Approved / Sanctioned* option in the *My Decision* field, and *Mark Proposal as Finalized* option in *For* field, and enter remarks in the *Forwarding Remarks* field, and then click on *Sign & Submit* button to digitally sign and finalize the approval process.



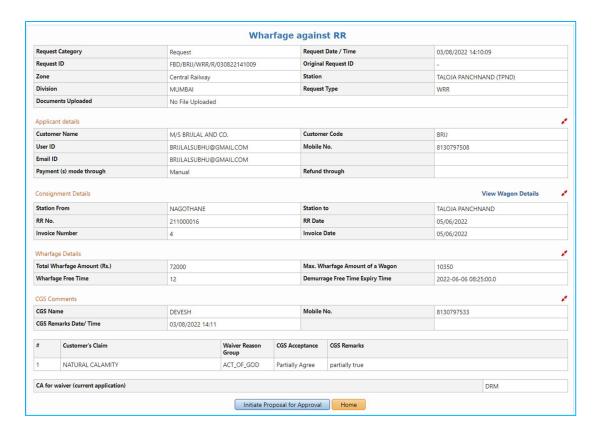
Once the signing / form submission process is done, the process of approval is over.





3.3.2. Wharfage against RR (WRR)

3.3.2.1. **Request Details Page**: A screenshot of the *Request Details* page for *WRR* case scenario is shown below:



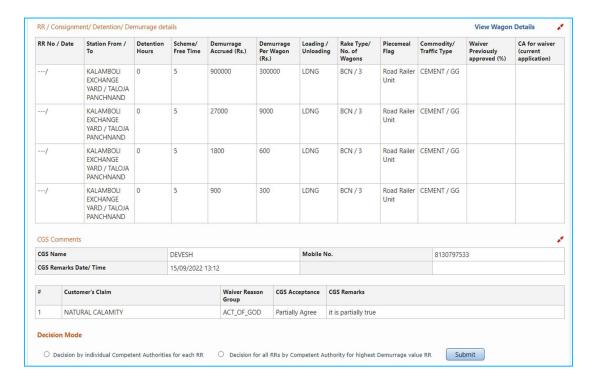
In case of WRR, all the details related to RR, Consignment and Wharfage are shown on the Request Details page itself. Remaining details are similar to DRR case scenario described in detail in Para 3.3.1.1. ibid.

- 3.3.2.2. **Initiation of Proposal for Waiver**: The procedure for initiation of proposal for WRR cases is the same as for DRR cases, as described in para 3.3.1.2 ibid.
- 3.3.2.3. **Decision by Competent Authority**: The procedure for decision by competent authority for WRR cases is the same as for DRR cases, as described in para 3.3.1.3 ibid.



3.3.3. Demurrage against Private Siding (DSDNG)

3.3.3.1. **Request Details Page**: For DSDNG case scenario, where the accountal is done on monthly basis, and not for individual RRs, there may be multiple RRs in an application for waiver. A screenshot of the lower part of the *Request Details* page for *DSDNG* case scenario is shown below:



Most of the basic details like request ID, request date / time, request stage / category etc., as well as the applicant details displayed on the Request details page for DSDNG cases are similar to the other case scenarios described above. However, the RR / Consignment / Detention / Demurrage details section may contain multiples RRs.

- 3.3.3.2. **Initiation of Proposal for Waiver**: DSDNG cases with multiple RRs can be handled in two ways:
 - A. Each RR to be handled by the authority competent to approve waiver based on the demurrage value of the individual RR. In this option all the RRs with same competence level are bundled together.
 - B. All the RRs to be handled by a single authority which is competent to approve waiver for the RR which has the highest demurrage value.

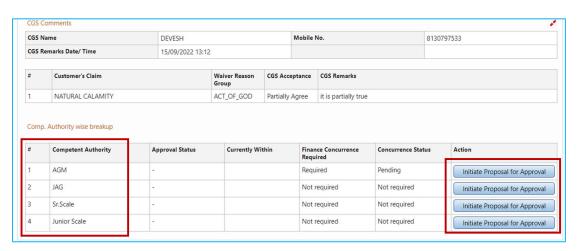


As can be seen from the screenshot in para 3.3.3.1, the request details page provides an option to the concerned division to choose one of the two modes described above. This option can be exercised by an official not lower than Junior Scale.

It may be noted that the choice once made cannot be modified. The users shall exercise due caution in choosing the decision mode.

The procedure for initiation of the application for *Option B* is the similar to that for DRR case scenario.

In case *Option A* is selected, the application is broken down into multiple sub-applications depending on the competence levels for each individual RR, and the same is shown on the Request Details Page, as shown below:

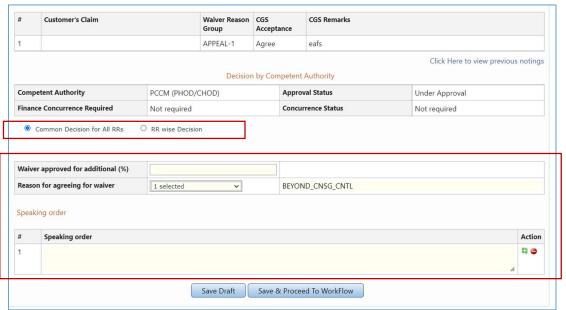


The proposal for each of these sub applications pertaining different competence levels has to be initiated separately by clicking on the *Initiate Proposal for Approval* button against the competence level.

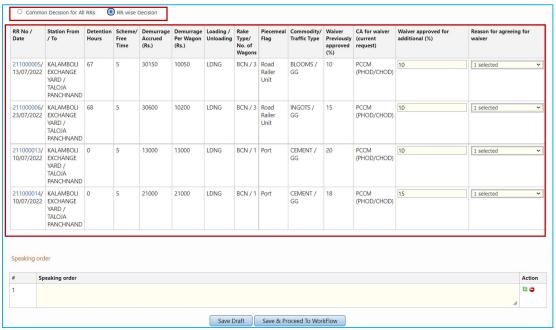
The remaining process for dealing with the application is the same as applicable for DRR case scenario.

3.3.3.3. **Decision by Competent Authority**: The procedure for decision by competent authority for DSDNG cases more or less similar to that for DRR cases, as described in para 3.3.1.3 ibid. In case of DSDNG cases, the competent authority can however choose to take a common decision for all the RRs, or a different decision for each RR, by choosing a suitable option as shown below:





Common decision for all RRs



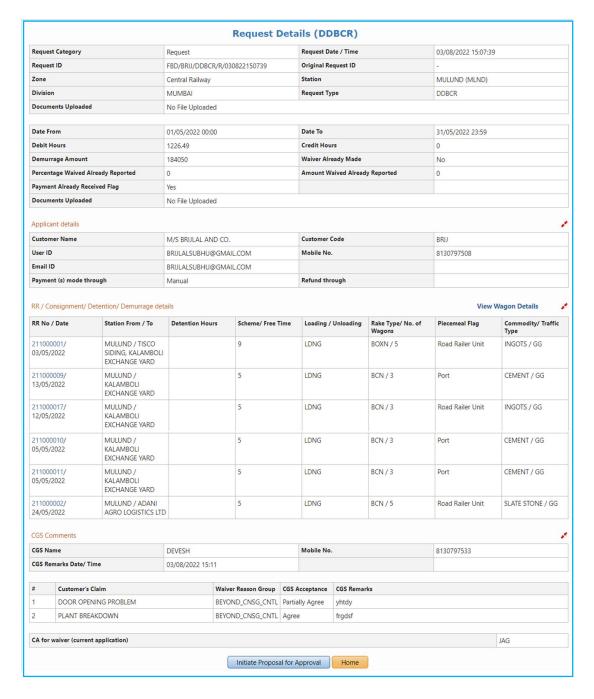
RR Wise Decision

The option selected for the original request will be followed for both the subsequent appeals.



3.3.4. Demurrage against Customer (Debit/Credit Scheme) (DDBCR)

3.3.4.1. **Request Details Page**: A screenshot of the *Request Details* page for *DDBCR* case scenario is shown below:



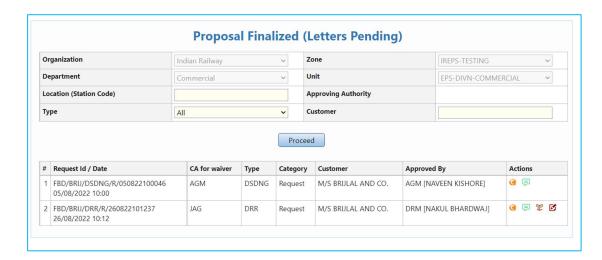
As can be seen, most of the basic details like request ID, request date / time, request stage / category etc., as well as the applicant details



displayed on the Request details page for DDBCR cases are similar to the other case scenarios described above. The date range for which this request is applicable is also displayed on the page. Generally, there will be multiple RRs involved in the request. However, the request will be handled by a single authority only.

- 3.3.4.2. **Initiation of Proposal for Waiver**: The procedure for initiation of proposal for DDBCR cases is the same as for DRR cases, as described in para 3.3.1.2 ibid.
- 3.3.4.3. **Decision by Competent Authority**: The procedure for decision by competent authority for DDBCR cases is the same as for DRR cases, as described in para 3.3.1.3 ibid.
- 3.4. **Proposals Finalized (Letters Pending):** After a decision has been taken by the competent authority on a waiver request, a letter is to be generated by the concerned division for communication of the decision to the customer. In addition, if the payment has been made by the customer through any mode other than Online mode, the refund cannot be made automatically to the customer's account, and the concerned divisional unit will have to generate a digital pay order through IREPS system for refund of the waived amount.

All the cases for which the decision has been taken, and for which any one of the letters mentioned above is pending are shown in the *Proposal Finalized (Letters Pending)* folder. Clicking on this link in the demurrage / wharfage tab brings up the following interface:





The process for issue of letter for communicating the decision of the competent authority to the firm can be initiated by clicking on \mathfrak{T} icon. If a pay order is required to be generated, the process for generating the same can be initiated by clicking on \mathfrak{T} icon

3.4.1. **Generation of Reply to Waiver Application:** Clicking on **s** icon brings up the following interface:



The contents of the letter to be sent to the firm letter is generated automatically by the system in standard format, with all the relevant details. Digitally signed PDF letter can be generated by clicking on *Sign* & *Generate PDF* button on the page. Clicking on this button brings up



the signer window, and once the signing process is completed successfully, a message to this effect is displayed on the system. The PDF so generated can be viewed by clicking on the same icon **\subset* which was used to generate the letter.

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Central Railway

Reply to Waiver Request

Divisional Office Commericial Branch

M/S GURU CLEARING AGENCY

Customer Address goes here

Dated: 23/09/2022

Sub: Waiver of Demurrage Charges

Ref: Request ID No. FBD/GURU/DRR/R/210922143531 dated 21/09/2022 14:35:31 (Original Request)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Your request for waiver of demurrage charges has been considered by the competent authority. The decision of the competent authority, and the demurrage charges to be remitted are as under:

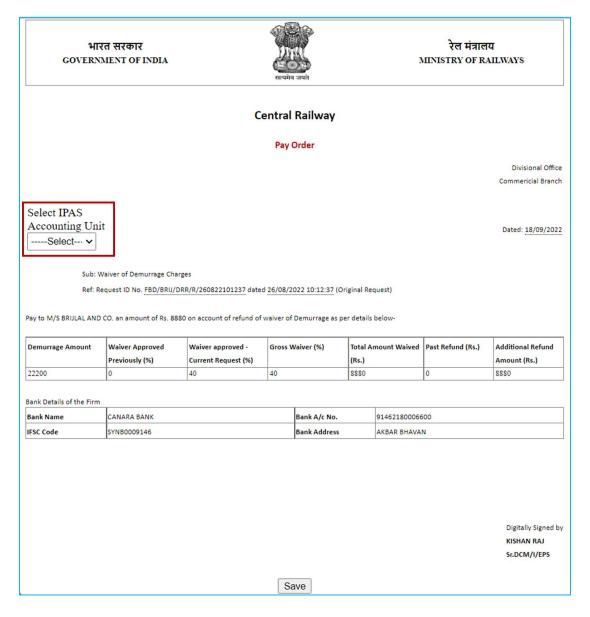
	Previously (%)	Waiver approved - Current Request (%)	Gross Waiver (%)	Total Amount Waived (Rs.)	(Rs.)	Additional Refund Amount (Rs.)
6000	0	30	30	1800	0	1800



If another letter (viz. Pay order) is pending for signing for this case, this case will still be visible in the Proposal Finalized (Letter Pending) folder. However, if no other letter is pending, this case will be visible in **Closed Requests** folder, which is described in subsequent paras.



3.4.2. **Generation of Digital Pay Order**: For cases where refund is to be made through digital pay order, icon shall be available against the request letter, and clicking on this icon will bring up the following interface shown below. As can be seen, the pay order is generated automatically by the system in standard format, with all the relevant details.



The user has to select the IPAS accounting unit from the dropdown list, as shown above.

♣ The process of linking of IPAS accounting unit of associate finance has to be finished before taking up the above-mentioned activity.



IPAS accounting unit can be linked by the department admin through the *Link IPAS Accounting Unit* link available in *Admin* tab.

After selecting the IPAS accounting unit, the user has to save the data, by clicking on the Save button at the bottom of the page. Once the data is saved, Sign & Generate PDF button will become available, as shown below.

ank Name	CANARA BANK	Bank A/c No.	91462180006600	
SC Code	SYNB0009146	Bank Address	AKBAR BHAVAN	
				Distally Classed by
				Digitally Signed by KISHAN RAJ
				Sr.DCM/I/EPS

Clicking on this button brings up the signer window, and once the signing process is completed successfully, a message to this effect is displayed on the system.

The PDF so generated can be viewed by clicking on the same icon which was used to generate the system.

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Central Railway

Pay Order

Divisional Office Commercial Branch

Dated: 18/09/2022

No. 158

IPAS Accounting Unit9901-EPS HQ IREPS
TESTING (9901)

Sub: Waiver of Demurrage Charges

Ref: Request ID No. FBD/BRIJ/DRR/R/260822101237 dated 26/08/2022 10:12:37 (Original Request)

Pay to M/S BRIJLAL AND CO. an amount of Rs. 8880 on account of refund of waiver of Demurrage as per details below-

		Waiver approved - Current Request (%)			()	Additional Refund Amount (Rs.)
22200	0	40	40	8880	0	8880

Bank Details of the Firm

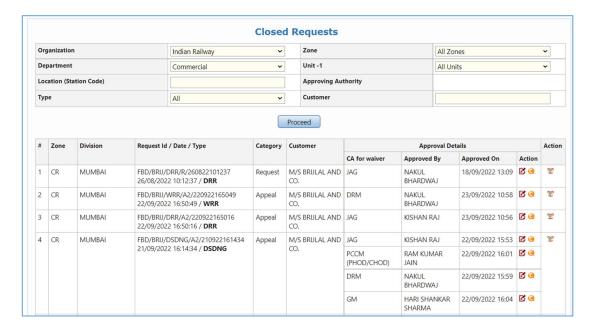
Bank Name	CANARA BANK	Bank A/c No.	91462180006600		
IFSC Code	SYNB0009146	Bank Address	AKBAR BHAVAN		



In case of private sidings, where the accountal is done on monthly basis, and the request will be dealt with by multiple approving authorities, multiple pay orders will have to be generated. In such cases the letter for communicating the decision on the request will be signed after all the pay orders have been signed.



3.5. **Closed Requests:** The waiver requests for which final decision has been taken by the competent authority, and all the letters that are required to be issued have been issued appear in this folder. Clicking on this link brings up the following interface.



The request details, as well as all the letters issued for pay orders, or for communicating final decision against waiver request can be viewed through this interface.

4. Disclaimer

4.1. IREPS software is being upgraded continuously and the Pages/ Forms shown or referred to in this manual may be subject to changes. Users are advised to keep themselves abreast with the latest changes, and by taking note of the messages sent by the IREPS administrator from time to time.

Though every care has been taken to describe the features/ process of the application accurately, some errors may have crept in inadvertently. In case of any doubt/ discrepancy please contact helpdesk.

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