

## **FREIGHT MARKETING CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2009**

### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 99/TC(FM)/26/1

New Delhi, dated 14.01.2009

**The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways.**

**Sub: Liberalization of Siding Rules - Amendment.  
Ref: Board's letters No. 99/TC(FM)/26/1 dated 31.03.2005.**

Please refer to para 3 of the Board's letter No. 99/TC(FM)/26/1 dated 31.03.2005 regarding capital cost of private sidings and related facilities.

It has been decided by the Board that if a new crossing station has to be constructed for providing connectivity to a siding, the cost of the same shall be fully borne by the siding owner. Accordingly, it has been decided to insert a new subpara as 3.3 under **para 3** of Board's letter No. 99/TC(FM)/26/1 dated 31.03.2005.

- “3.3 Sidings should normally take off from the existing serving stations. However, in case when it is operationally not feasible to provide a connection from an existing serving station or a siding owner requests for a connection from a location between two existing stations at his own cost then a proposal for provision of a new block station may be considered provided;**
- i) All aspects including the operational feasibility of constructing a new crossing station with desired number of loops and impact of splitting of block section on train operations has been examined to the satisfaction of the zonal railways.**
  - ii) The entire capital cost of the new crossing station including staff quarters, loop lines, signaling, electrification and other infrastructure shall be borne by the siding owner.**
  - iii) The siding owner will also pay a lump sum amount which would be equal to recurring cost towards maintenance and staff deployment**

**for a period of 10 years on the basis of initial deployment of staff at the station. Such payment shall be made before the commissioning of siding.**

- iv) The siding taking off from such a crossing station shall be constructed as private sidings only.**

As a consequence of the above, the existing **sub para 3.3** may be renumbered as **sub para 3.4**.

These instructions issue with the approval of the Board (MT, ME, FC and CRB).

These instructions will come into force with immediate effect.

Please acknowledge receipt.

**(Sanjay Goel)**  
**Director Freight Marketing**

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**for Financial Commissioner/Railways**

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