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CHAPTER VII

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701. General Principles of Allocation - 'Allocation' of expenditure implies identifying its source of Finance and should be distinguished from 'classification' which deals with the detailed heads of account under which expenditure is recorded in the accounting books of the Railway. Railway expenditure is financed from (loan) Capital provided by the General Revenues, Railway Funds and Current Revenues. Accordingly, the expenditure is allocated to (i) 'Capital', (ii) the Depreciation Reserve Fund (iii) the Development Fund, (iv) the Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund, (v) Open Line Works (Revenue) and (vi) Ordinary Revenue. The detailed classification of (a) the expenditure chargeable to Ordinary Revenue is given in Appendix I, and of (b) Capital and other Works Expenditure chargeable to Depreciation Reserve Fund, Development Fund, Open Line Works (Revenue) or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund is given in Appendix II. The classification of earnings is given in Appendix III. {Appendices I* to III are printed as a separate volume vide Financial Code Volume II). The List of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts of Railway Revenue, Capital, Debt and Remittance Transactions adjusted in Railway Books are, however, given in Appendix IV of Indian Railway Code for the Accounts Department.,

*Appendices I to III referred to in para 701 are in replacement of Appendices I to III of General Code Vol. II.

702. The general principles on which railway expenditure should be allocated between the six sources of finance mentioned in the preceding paragraph are described in paras 703 to 715 below. These principles are based on the recommendations of the Railway Convention Committee, 1949, as amended from time to time by successive Convention Committees.

703. Capital bears ---

(1) the cost of land as defined in paragraph 717 except in cases provided in paragraphs 718 and 719;

(2) the first cost of constructions and equipment of (i) new lines including strategic lines, whether remunerative or unremunerative and (ii) new production units;

(3) the cost of maintaining a section of the line not opened for working;

(4) the cost of any additions to the line or equipment of the line estimated to cost more than the new minor works limit, as defined in paragraph 734, when it is not chargeable to Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue;

(5) the full cost of replacement of an asset where the original cost was charged to Revenue, being within the new minor works limit, but is now more than Rs.1 lakh provided it is not chargeable to Development Fund, Open Line Works-Revenue;

(6) the cost estimated to exceed the New Minor Works limit, of any additional plant and machinery not connected with any specific work; and

(7) the cost of any tools and plant specifically purchased, and of any posts specially created for the supervision or construction of a work, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 776.

704. Capital is credited with -

(1) the cost at debit of Capital of an asset (other than land) which is abandoned or disposed of without being replaced ;

Note - (1) When such an asset is subsequently replaced, the adjustment made under these rules is reversed provided the cost of replacement is chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund according to paragraphs 754 and 755, otherwise the reversal adjustment should not be made, but the cost of replacement should be allocated according to the normal rule as if it were a new work.

(2) When an item of rolling stock is replaced by another of less tractive power, seating capacity or floor area or carrying capacity as the case may be, the new asset cannot be held to render fully the services for which the old asset was intended and to the extent to which the new stock falls short of the requirement in this respect, the old stock should be considered to have been abandoned, and the credit for the proportion of the original cost thereof afforded to Capital.

(2) the sale proceeds of any land acquired at the cost of Capital when it is sold or surrendered;

(3) the difference between the cost at debit of Capital of a replaced asset (other than an asset mentioned in item (5) below) and the cost of replacement, when the cost of replacement is chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund (vide paragraph 755) and is less than the cost at debit of Capital;

(4) the cost of labour originally incurred in laying the assets or parts thereof, when such items are subsequently transferred for use on a new work;

(5) the original cost at debit of Capital (estimated if not known) of an asset (falling within the categories mentioned in Note 2 to paragraph 711) replaced at the cost of the Depreciation Reserve Fund; and

(6) the original cost at debit of Capital (estimated if not known) of an asset replaced at the cost of Open line Works-Revenue;

705 Ordinary Revenue bears-

(1) all charges for maintenance and repairs after opening of the line for traffic, other than charges of the nature detailed its paragraph 727, including the current expenses of conducting the business of a railway, e. g., pay, allowances, etc., of establishment employed on the open line;
(2) the contribution made to the Depreciation Reserve Fund under paragraph 710 to meet the cost of replacement and renewals of assets chargeable to Capital or Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund;

(3) the cost of such replacements and renewals as are not chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund or the Development Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue under paragraphs 758, 711 and 707, respectively;

(4) the cost of labour originally incurred in laying the assets or parts thereof at the cost of Capital, when such items are subsequently transferred for use on a new work;

(5) the cost of additional pitching stone laid in training works and protective works after the completion of such works; and

(6) The cost of procurement on additional account of small items of equipment, including medical equipments apparatus, appliances including instruments and accessories for Railway Hospitals and Dispensaries as also the cost of replacement of these items provided the cost does not exceed Rs.3 lakh per item. These powers should be exercised with great circumspection and justification for the purchase thoroughly examined so as not to place an undue burden on ordinary Revenue. In cases where (i) cost of an item of medical equipment exceeds Rs.20,000/- and (ii) cost of an item other than medical equipment exceeds Rs.10,000/- the powers should not be re-delegated below the level of Heads of Departments, who should exercise them in consultation with their Financial Advisers.

(Authority Railway Board's letter No. F(X)-2009/PW/10 dated 31.08.2015).acs no.77

Note.-In the context of provisions contained in sub-para (3) read with para 758(4), replacement of all items included in the list below para 758 (4) is to be allocated to Ordinary Revenue, irrespective of the cost involved.

706. Ordinary Revenue is credited with the value of material released from works charged to Revenue (ordinary repairs and maintenance) and the amount realized from the disposal of an asset the original cost of which is Rs. 5,000 or less, after deducting the incidental charges, e.g., the cost of dismantling, handling and shifting, including freight to stores depot.

707. Open Line Works-Revenue bears-

(1) the cost of works, other than those relating to amenities for passengers and other railway users, and works allocable to Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund, whether new, additions, improvements or replacements and renewals falling within the new minor works limit as defined in paragraph 734;

(2) the cost of unremunerative works for improvement of operational efficiency costing not more than Rs.10 lakh each

(3) The cost of such replacement and renewals as are not chargeable to capital or the Depreciation Reserve Fund or the Development Fund or ordinary revenue provided the cost of such replacements does not exceed Rs.10 lakh.

(Authority Railway Board's letter No. F (X) II/78/ALC/2 dated 16.12.1981)

(4) the cost of dismantling, handling and shifting, including freight to stores depot in respect of works mentioned in (1) to (3) above; and

(5) the expenditure on investments in the share capital of Railwaymen's Consumer Co-operative Societies up to Rs. 2,500 per Society.

Note. The cost of plant and machinery required for any of the works, referred to above, should also be included in the cost of the works for the purpose of the above rules.

708. Open Line Works -Revenue is credited with the amount realized from the disposal of an asset without being replaced the original cost of which has been charged to Open Line Works-Revenue and the amount realized from disposal of Materials released from a work replaced at the cost of Open Line Works-Revenue.

709. Depreciation Reserve Fund bears-

(1) the cost of replacements and renewals including the cost of dismantling, handling and shifting including freight to stores depot in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 753 to 755 and 758;

(2) the cost of replacement of ballast involving improved type of ballast; vide para 739 (ii);

(3) the original cost (cost at debit of capital) of an asset other than land, estimated if not known, replaced at the cost of Open Line Works-Revenue;

(4) the cost at debit of capital or Development Fund of an asset (other than land) which is abandoned or disposed of without being replaced;

Note. When such an asset is subsequently replaced, the adjustment made is reversed provided the cost of replacement is chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund according to Paragraphs 754 and 755, otherwise the reversal adjustments should not be made but the cost of replacement should be allocated according to the normal rules as if it were a new work.

(5) all expenditure incurred on modernization of Rolling Stock; and

(6) the cost of tools and plant specially purchased, and of any posts specially created, for the supervision or construction of a work in accordance with the provision of paragraph 776.

710. Depreciation Reserve Fund is credited with-

(1) the amount contributed annually from the Railway Revenues;

(2) the amount realized from the disposal of an asset the original cost (cost at debit of Capital or Development Fund or Accident compensation Safety and Passenger amenities Fund)
of which is more than Rs. 5,000 and the amount realized from the disposal of materials released from a work replaced at the cost of the Depreciation Reserve Fund; and

(3) the amount of interest earned on the balance of the Fund.

711. Development Fund bears-

(1) the cost of new works relating to amenities for passengers and other railway users failing within one or more of the categories in the list in Note 2 (A) below, irrespective of any monetary limit.

(2) the full cost of replacement of a work (falling within one or more of the categories in the list in Note 2 (A) below, where the original cost was charged to revenue, being within the new minor works limit;

(3) the cost of all new labour welfare works including additions to existing or new works falling within one or more of the categories in the list in Note 2 (B) below, estimated to cost individually above Rs.1 lakh.


(4) the entire cost of works costing more than Rs.10 lakh each which are necessary, but unremunerative, for improvement of operational efficiency including addition to existing or new works falling within one or more of the categories in the list Note 2 (C) below;


(5) the cost of any tools and plant specifically purchased and of any posts specially created for the supervision or construction of a work in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 776;

(6) the original cost at debit of Capital, estimated if not known, of an asset (falling within the categories mentioned in Note 2 below) replaced at the cost of the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

Note. (1) A work shall be considered to be remunerative for the purpose of this paragraph if it earns the return stipulated in Para 204.

(2) List of categories of works chargeable to the Development Fund/Open Line Works-Revenue, when undertaken by themselves are given below. These lists are illustrative only for purposes of Paragraphs 707 and 711.

(A) AMENITIES FOR PASSENGERS AND OTHER RAILWAY USERS

I. Passenger Amenities: -

(1) Provision of overhead and/or ground level arrangements at stations for filling water in carriages, water supply at stations for use of Passengers, including not only general water supply arrangements which are used for providing water in carriages but also purification
plants installed, water coolers-electric or otherwise-water trollies, etc., provided for use of passengers.

(2) Provision of waiting accommodation including reinforced cement concrete and other types of benches at stations including extension or improvements to existing arrangements to meet the requirements of railway passengers.

(3) Refreshment Rooms, Retiring Rooms, and vendors, stalls of all descriptions at stations provided for catering to railway passengers, except those which the vendors are required by contract to provide at their own cost.

(4) Provision or improvement of latrines provided for railway passengers at stations.

(5) Miscellaneous improvements, viz., provision of seats, hedges, shade trees on platforms, at stations to cater to the needs of railway passengers.

(6) Provision of bathing facilities at stations for use of passengers.

(7) Improvement to existing carriages such as provision of fans, improved lighting and lavatories, special insulation in roofs, bigger water tanks in carriages, better fitting etc., intended to provide improved facilities to railway passengers. Cost of additional coaches to compensate the loss in seating capacity when old coaches are replaced by new coaches which have a lower carrying capacity due to provision of better facilities for passengers.

(8) Improved lighting and provision of fans on platforms or in waiting halls and sheds or vendors stalls at stations to cater to the requirements of railway passengers.

(9) Exhibition of sheets time tables in glass fronted frames at station to serve the requirements of passengers.

(10) Computerization of Passenger Reservation System (PRS).

(Authority Railway Board's letter No.F(X)II-87/ALC/1 dated 09.09.1988)

(11) Works under all the above heads meant to cater to railway passengers provided in connection with Melas and required for periods exceeding 6 months.

Note. Works of this nature required for periods less than six months will be treated as temporary and charged to ordinary Revenue under para 740.

(12) Any other works considered essential for meeting the requirements of railway passengers at any stations, e. g., provision of information Offices or Kiosks, provision of public announcement systems etc.

II. Other Railway Users Amenities-

Provision including extensions and improvements of the following to cater to the needs of other railway users in Goods Sheds and Parcel Offices:
(1) Arrangements for drinking water including water coolers, water trollies etc.

(2) Waiting accommodation, including provision of various types of benches.

(3) Refreshment rooms and Vendors Stalls, except those that a contractor has to provide at his own cost.

(4) Latrines.

(5) Miscellaneous improvements, namely; provision of seats, hedges and shade trees.

(6) Lighting arrangements and provision of fans.

(7) Any other work considered essential, e.g., Enquiry Offices / Information Centres etc.

(8) Work under the above heads provided in connection with melas and required for periods exceeding 6 months.

(B) **Labour Welfare Works**

(1) Provision of new hospitals, dispensaries and schools and additions, alterations and improvements to existing ones.

(2) Provision of new institutes, recreation rooms, swimming baths, sports grounds and reading rooms and improvements and additions to the existing ones.

(3) Provision and improvement of health and welfare services, child welfare and maternity centres, cooling arrangements for workshops, canteens and rest rooms for workmen.

(4) Provision and improvement of sanitation, water supply, roads, lighting and marketing facilities in railway colonies.

(5) Improvements and alterations to existing quarters of whatever type.

(6) Quarters meant for Class III and Class IV staff.

(C) **Unremunerative Projects for improvement of Operational efficiency**

(a) Works arising out of the need for keeping operational methods up to the latest requirements and standards, viz.:-

(1) Improvement in water supply at stations for loco traffic purposes.
(2) Removal of infringements.

(3) Regrading permanent way and improving curves.

(4) Converting dead-end sidings into through loops and the provision of additional loops at stations.

(5) Provision, extension, realignment or modernization of catch-sidings.

(6) Electric lighting of sheds and stations, whether new works or improvements to existing ones.

(7) Modern train control equipment.

(8) Provision of colour light signals in replacement of semaphores and bringing signalling and interlocking up to the latest standards, etc.

(9) Provision of guard rails on major bridges with through or deck spans.

(10) Duplicating or strengthening girders by adding materials.

(11) Additional earth work carried out in raising the roadbed in the approaches to railway bridges on account of replacement of girders by others of greater depth.

(12) Strengthening of track by inserting additional sleepers.

(13) Provision of Anticreep Anchors.

(14) (a) Fitting of automatic vacuum brake equipment to Metre Gauge wagons.

(b) Telecommunication works and wireless installations.

(c) Accommodation works not called for during the construction of a railway or for the period thereafter laid down in Section 11 of the Indian Railway Act.

(d) Schemes for remodelling of station yards, workshops, sheds, stores depots and store yards

(e) Improvements to existing station buildings, sheds, godowns, etc.

(f) Improvements, extension and additions to office buildings.

(g) Provision of, and improvements and additions to, drivers and guards running rooms and rest houses for officers and subordinates.

(h) Provision for fire fighting arrangements or equipment at stations.

(i) Provisions of washable aprons on passenger platform lines.
(j) Opening of new flag stations or conversion of halts into flag stations, as a passenger facility where there is no financial justification.

(k) Provision or improvement of approaches and circulating areas at stations including improved lighting, tonga-car-taxi-cycle-rikshaw stands to cater to the requirements of railway passengers.

(l) Approach roads, circulating areas, bullock and other cart sheds and water troughs etc.

Note

3. The cost of plant and machinery required for any of the above works should also be included in the cost of the work for the purpose of the above rules.

4. The works falling under items (k) and (l) of list (c) above which appear in the Pink Book for 1979-80 or were approved separately during that year irrespective of whether they had been commenced or not, will continue to be classified as "Passenger Amenities" and ‘Other Railway Users Amenities’ respectively. Only new such works included in 1980-81 budget and onwards will be treated as unremunerative operating improvements.

712. The Development Fund is credited with-

(1) the amount transferred to it from the Revenue Reserve Fund;

(2) the amounts appropriated to it each year from the surplus or otherwise.

(3) the cost at debit of the Development Fund of an asset which is abandoned or disposed of without being replaced;

Note. When such an asset is subsequently replaced, the adjustment made under these rules is reversed provided the cost of replacement is chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund according to \texttt{Paragraphs 754 and 755}, otherwise the reversal adjustment should not be made but the cost of replacement should be allocated according the normal rules as if it were a new work.

(4) the difference between the cost at debit of the Development Fund of a replaced asset and the cost of its replacement, when the cost of replacement is chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund \texttt{(vide Paragraphs 754)} and is less than the cost at debit of the Development Fund; and

(5) the amount of interest earned on the balance of the Fund.

713. If a work or scheme consists of several categories, some relating to amenities for passengers and other railway users or labour welfare and other to operative improvements, remunerative or unremunerative, the allocation should be considered with reference to the work or the scheme as a whole, except that the cost of such item or items of the work or scheme as can be identified to be of the category of amenities for passengers and other railway users should be charged to the Development Fund.

Note.-Expenditure incurred on staff quarters other than gazetted officers’ quarters and forming part of a scheme, excepting new line constructions and other new Projects such as Production Units, etc., should be segregated and charged to Development Fund (2) / Open Line Works-Revenue as the case may be.
Note.-Expenditure incurred on staff quarters other than gazetted officers’ quarters and forming part of a scheme, excepting new line constructions and other new Projects such as Production Units, etc., should be segregated and charged to Development Fund (2)/Open Line Works-Revenue as the case may be.

714. The Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund bears-

(a) liability on account of compensation payment in respect of passengers involved in railway accidents;

(b) expenditure on the following specified items of safety works:

(i) track circuiting or axle counters (including the cost of new wooden sleepers).

(ii) automatic warning system,

(iii) vigilance control device,

(iv) provision of lifting barriers at level crossings,

(v) Interlocking of level crossing gates with signals,

(vi) provision of scotch light of reflective materials on sighting/warning boards,

(vii) road over/under bridge in lieu of land crossings,

(viii) foot over bridge/foot under bridge across yards,

(ix) manning/upgrading unmanned level crossings which as specifically approved by the Board are potential hazards to passenger traffic,

(x) Deleted (Authority Railway Board's letter No. F (X)II-B-88/ALC/2 dated 23.10.1990).

(xi) provision of additional foot over-bridges, improvement and covering of existing foot over-bridges or subways within station premises to connect platforms or Users,

(xii) provision of telephones and warning bells at level crossings.

(xiii) provision of second approach signals on trunk/high speed routes, and

(xiv) such other items as may be added from time to time; and

(c) expenditure on the following specified items of passenger amenity and allied works

(i) provision of goods platforms and covers over goods platforms,

(ii) train indicator boards at important stations of suburban and non-suburban sections

(iii) rest shelters for licensed porters,

(iv) provision of closed circuit television for giving visual display, and

(v) raising, extending, widening, surfacing, covering or other improvements in platforms at stations and

(Authority Railway Board's letter No. F (X)II-B-88/ALC/2 dated 23.10.1990).

(vi) such other items as may be added from time to time

Note:-

(1) Only new works falling under category (b) (xii) and (xiii) and (c) (iv) included in 1980-81 budget and onwards will be charged to ACF. The allocation of such works which appear in the Pink Book for 1979-80 or were separately approved during that year, whether they had been commenced or not, need not be changed.

(2) The cost of closed circuit televisions, [items (c) (iv)] should be initially charged to ACF(C) but after a period of 5 years of installing them, the financial evaluation of economics of these
sets (which are to be used both for giving train timings and as an advertisement media), shall be made, taking into account the revenue earned. If on the basis of such an evaluation, the closed circuit televisions are found to be financially remunerative, the cost of such televisions should be written back from ACF(C) to Capital.

715. The Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund is credited with:

1. receipts from the surcharge on passenger traffic (levied with effect from 1st January, 1974) to cover the expenditure chargeable to the Fund;

2. cost at the debit of this Fund of an asset which is abandoned or disposed of without being replaced;

   Note. When such an asset is subsequently replaced, the adjustment made under these rules is reversed.

3. the difference between the cost at debit of this Fund of a replaced asset where the chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund (vide paragraph 754) is less than the cost of the replaced asset; and

4. the amount of interest earned on the balance of the Fund.

716. The following detailed rules regulate the allocation of expenditure in particular cases and are intended to be illustrative of the application of the basic principles in practice.

717. Land - Land taken up permanently, whether for Capital, Development Fund or Revenue purposes of the railway is charged irrespective of cost to Capital. All charges incidental to the acquisition of land are included in the cost of land.

   Note. Incidental charges are defined in the "Explanatory Note 1120" against 'Land' in Appendix II of Volume II of this code.

718. The cost of land provided free to subsidized railways is debited to the minor head "Subsidized Companies" under major head 345-Indian Railways Policy Formulation, Direction, Research and other Miscellaneous Organisations. No readjustment to capital is allowed after such a railway is purchased by Government.

719. The cost of land required for the acquisition of materials by quarrying, mining, boring, or other operation; and payments for royalty, mining rights, etc., connected with the same, is dealt with as part of the cost of the manufacturing operations or charged off finally to the work concerned.

720. Rent or other miscellaneous charges in connection with the hire of land, (e.g., the compensation payable for land acquired temporarily under Section 35 of the Land Acquisition Act of 1894) are charged to the work concerned.
721. The cost of filling up borrow pits as a conservancy measure is chargeable to Revenue. When the filling up of borrow pits is necessitated by the construction of a new work, the cost of filling up should be allocated to the work concerned.

722. When land, originally acquired at the cost of capital, is sold or surrendered, the sale proceeds are in all cases credited to Capital.

723. When land is lost through erosion, its cost is written back from Capital to Revenue. If the land so washed away subsequently reforms and is used by the Railway, the adjustment originally made between Capital and Revenue is reversed.

724. Surveys - The expenditure incurred on a survey project is in the first instance charged to the head “345-A or B-Indian Railways Policy Formulation, Direction Research and other Miscellaneous Organisations" and when the construction of the project is completed it is transferred to the project concerned, irrespective of the year in which the expenditure was originally incurred.

Note. If the adjustment of such expenditure involves large amounts, it may be considered specially in consultation with Audit.

725. New lines - The allocation of expenditure on new lines after the date of opening, but before the closing of the completion estimate, is regulated by the rules in paragraphs 726 to 732.

726. The cost of completing works which were incomplete on the date of opening and of works which, though commenced after that date may properly be considered as forming essential parts of first equipment, is charged to Capital.

727. During the period for which such works remain incomplete, the cost of their maintenance, replacement or renewal is also charged to Capital, provided the maintenance, replacement or renewal becomes necessary directly out of their incomplete state.

728. The cost of maintenance of works which were complete on the date of opening is charged to Revenue. The cost of their replacement or renewal is allocated to Depreciation Reserve Fund or Open Line Works -Revenue according to the provisions of paragraph 754 et seq. For the purpose of this rule a work is considered to be "complete" only when, for the first time, it conforms in all respects to its accepted specification.

729. A few instances are given below to elucidate further the principles enunciated in paragraphs 726 to 728.

730. Cess repairs and earthwork for banks undertaken immediately after the opening of a line, while the construction estimate is still open may be regarded as works necessary to complete the bank, chargeable to Construction Estimate and debitable to Capital.
731. Ballast and permanent way are regarded as "complete" when they are laid to the accepted specification and any subsequent packing or other work that becomes necessary after opening of the line should be charged to Revenue.

732. Repairs to bridge bed blocks, training works, protective works, mile-stones, engine sheds, water columns and quarters which have been completed to specification, and are capable of being put to the use for which they were intended, are chargeable to Revenue irrespective of whether they were actually so used or not. If works were not complete as defined above, the cost of repair is chargeable to Capital.

733. **Lines partially opened for traffic** - Subject to the provisions of Rule 727 in regard to the maintenance of incomplete works, the maintenance charges of a line, or a portion of a line which has been opened for traffic but the maintenance of which continues to be supervised by construction staff should be allocated as follows. Such of the charges as can be identified as directly allocable to the line or portion of the line opened for traffic should be debited to Revenue. The cost of supervising and miscellaneous staff and other miscellaneous expenditure, which is not so identifiable, should be distributed between Capital and Revenue in the ratio in which the total Capital expenditure, both on opened and unopened portion of the line, bears to Revenue expenditure on the portion opened to traffic plus Revenue earnings of that portion. So far as the maintenance of permanent way is concerned, the debit to Revenue in respect of expenditure not so identifiable, may be arrived at on an estimated basis having regard to the expenditure on the maintenance of a line similarly located.

Note: The term 'Capital expenditure' in this Paragraph means 'gross' expenditure, ignoring any credits for the value of released materials.

734 **New Minor Works** -

(i) Except as provided in paragraph 736, new works or additions to existing works, estimated to cost not more than Rs.1 lakh are treated as "Minor works" and charged to Open Line Works-Revenue.

(ii) A work of replacement when estimated to cost not more than Rs.1 lakh will be treated as a minor work and charged to Open Line Works-Revenue.


(iii) The full replacement cost of a work, originally charged to Open Line Works (Revenue), will be charged to this head irrespective of the cost of replacement.

735. Works, estimated to Cost not more than Rs.1 lakh each, but more than Rs.1 lakh in the aggregate, may be charged to Capital, Development Fund or Open Line works-Revenue if each work cannot be carried out by itself independently of others or is ineffective for the purpose for which it is intended unless all works are undertaken together and completed at or about the same time. The physical purpose for which a work is intended is the determining factor in such cases. Rolling stock of any one class forming part of the programme of a year will, however, be grouped together without reference to the conditions laid down in this paragraph.


Note: (I) expenditure on quarters of a type meant for class IV staff built at one station as part of one scheme
should be grouped together for the purpose of applying the new minor works limit. 
(2) Quarters built for class III staff in the same locality at a station as part of one scheme should be grouped 
together for the purpose of applying the new minor works limit.

736. The new minor works limit does not apply to amenity works for passengers and other 
railway users and works chargeable to Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities 
Fund.

737. **Calculating Machines and other office appliances.** - The cost of calculating machines 
and Office appliances such as Comptometers, Remington Book-Keeping, Dalton Calculating 
machines, Typewriters and Personal Computers is debited to Revenue, irrespective of the new 
minor works limit.

Note:- Personal Computers upto Rs. 1 lakh only will be treated as Office appliances. This rule will not, however, apply to computers of 
higher configuration, viz. Mainframes etc. or PCs costing more than Rs. 1 lakh each.

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738. **Revenue Sidings**- The cost of sidings required purely for revenue purposes e.g. 
ballast and fuel sidings are charged to Revenue.

739. **Additions of Ballast**- Except when connected with the relaying of permanent way 
and/or replacement of, and changes in, the type of sleepers, the cost of additions, of ballast shall 
be charged—

(i) to ordinary revenue (a) when ballast is added after three years of the opening of a 
line; (b) when there is an increase in the depth of ballast for the purpose of 
maintaining the requisite depth;

Note: cost of ballasting an unballasted line within three years of its opening will follow the allocation of 
the original construction estimate

(ii) to Depreciation Reserve Fund when there is an improvement in the type of ballast 
(e.g. when sand or moorum ballast is replaced by stone ballast) or when the depth 
of ballast is increased beyond the normal prescribed depth to comply with the 
revised track standards.

If the additions or improvements are so connected with the relaying etc, the supply of 
additional or improved ballast should form an integral part of the operation of and be combined 
with the “Permanent Way” portion of the estimate for relaying and replacement for the purpose 
of allocation.

Note:---

(1) the word “Improvements” occurring in this sub-Paragraph includes “renewals”

(2) the expression "connected with the relaying" should be taken to mean strictly only where 
ballasting is a necessary and integral part of relaying, but when relaying is taken as an occasion to 
simultaneously add to the ballast, it should not be held that the ballasting is connected with the 
relaying.
740. Temporary and Experimental Works- The cost of a temporary or experimental work is chargeable to Revenue. When, however, it ceases to be temporary or experimental and becomes permanent, or is replaced by a permanent work, the actual cost of the work should be transferred to the debit of Open Line Works –Revenue, Development fund or Capital, as the case may be.

741. Maintenance of Quarters for Construction Staff- When quarters built as part of important open line works in progress and not handed over to be managed by the open line, are occupied by the open line staff, the rent realized shall be credited and the cost of repairs and maintenance debited to revenue. But when such quarters or occupied by construction staff, the rent will be credited to, and the cost of repairs and maintenance of such quarters even if vacant should be debited to, the project.

742. Rolling Stock- All first equipment of rolling stock for a line of railway is chargeable to Capital. Whether an item of rolling stock provided otherwise than as first equipment is to be accounted for as an addition or as a replacement or renewal shall be decided according to the following principles.

743. Renewals must always take precedence of “Additions”

744. When additions are made to the Rolling Stock of any class authorised for the Railway, the cost such additions should be charged to Capital. However, as an exception to this, the cost of new coaches procured to make good the loss in the seating capacity of replaced coaches due to the provision of additional facilities for the passengers in the new coaches (though they are treated as additions to the authorised stock for the Railway) should be charged to the Development Fund in accordance with item 7 of List “A” below Note (2) under para 711.

745. No new rolling stock should be charged to Capital as additions, if the actual stock of that class in existence on the line is below the authorized stock for the railway, when additions to rolling stock are made under classes in respect of which there has previously been a reduction in authorized stock, the new stock should be considered to have replaced the stock previously reduced.

746. The following are the classes into which rolling stock is divided for the purposes of the preceding paragraph, but if there is any doubt whether a particular item belongs to one class or another, the decision of the Railway Board should be obtained-

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accommodation is provided.

9 Other coaching vehicles, including brake, luggage, postal, motor, fruit, fish, poultry, duck, vans and horse-boxes, in which no passenger accommodation is provided.

10 Officers carriages.

11 Service coaching vehicles, including stores vans, tool vans, break down vans and subordinate inspection carriages.

12 General service goods wagons, including open, covered, lowsided rail and timber trucks.

13 Acid, oil and petrol tank wagons.

14 Other goods vehicles, including cattle wagons and explosive wagons.

15 Well wagons.

16 Goods brake-vans.

17 Service wagons, including ballast hopper, crane support, crane and weigh bridge testing wagons, and water tank wagons.

18. Mineral centre discharge hopper wagons.

Note: The above represent the maximum number of classes. A similar number of classes may be observed, when deciding whether an item of new rolling stock is to be treated as an addition or a replacement. Within each such class, the particular item of rolling stock which should be considered as being replaced is that which approximates most closely to the vehicle that is being provided on renewal account. Where close approximation is impracticable or where difficulty arises in determining what is the stock most closely approximating, due regard should be paid to the consideration of eliminating any debit to capital that can be avoided consistently with the adequacy of the replacement.

747. The classification given in the preceding paragraph is intended to cover ordinary cases where new stock of particular class is obtained, but when new stock of a particular class supersedes actually old stock of another class, the case should be referred to the Railway Board for orders on its individual merits.

748. Railway administration shall maintain in the necessary detail, statistics of Rolling Stock showing the figures separately for each class of rolling stock, the numbers of the gross authorized stock, the reduction therein made from time to time and the net authorized stock.

749. Stand–bys—For the purpose this rule a "stand-by" is a complete unit of machinery, plant or equipment which is kept in order to perform the functions of the main unit of machinery, plant or equipment to which it is a "stand-by" and with which it may be identifiable, when such unit is put out of action temporarily on account of accident or periodical repairs, or is required to assist when the main unit has to meet on overload. The cost of such "stand-by" is chargeable to the head to which the machinery, plant or equipment to which it is a "stand-by" is charged. A "stand-by" does not include articles which have been replaced but continue to give service as unauthorized stock or duplicates for some time after.

750. Spares—Other spare items of machinery, plant or equipment, whether complete units or parts, which do not fulfil the conditions of the preceding paragraph, such as boiler tubes, superheater element, armatures, valves, coils, etc., will be called "spares" for the purpose of this
rule. The cost of such "spares" should, in all cases be brought on to the Stores Suspense Account and charged to revenue when handed over to be retained in the custody or issued to the using department. Exceptional cases where a debit to capital is considered justifiable should be referred to the Railway Board for orders. The following items have been admitted by the Railway Board as justifying a charge to capital provided they cost individually more than Rs. 25,000.-

(a) spare boilers for each type of locomotive in use, up to 7 percent of their total authorised stock of locomotives, intended to accelerate engine repairs,

(b) spare boilers for watering arrangements at stations and power-operated spare pumping sets; and

(c) the items of spares of circulatory nature for Diesel Locos /Rail Cars listed below when costing Rs. 1,50,000 or more per loco set/rail car should be charged to capital.

**List of spares for Diesel Locos / Diesel Rail Cars to be charged to Capital.**

**Diesels Electric---**

(1) Diesel engine complete with Generator.
(2) Motor truck assembly complete with traction motors.
(3) Traction motors (BG/MG)
(4) Traction Generators (BG/MG)

**Diesel Hydraulic---**

(6) Diesel engine (Mak)
(7) Suri transmission,
(8) Reversing Gear Box.

**751** The items of spares for electric locos and EMU stock listed below when costing Rs. 1,50,000 or more each and not being of the nature of consumable stores but intended to accelerate repairs should be charged to Capital.-

**List of spares for Electric Locomotives and EMU Stock to be charged to capital.**

**Spares for Electric Locomotives**

(1) Bogies complete with Traction Motors.
(2) Main Transformers.
(3) Traction Motor.
(4) Tap changer.
(5) Silicon Rectifier Block.
(6) Traction Motor Armature (as distinct from Traction Motor).

**Spares for EMUs-**
(1) Main transformer.
(2) Traction Motor.
(3) Silicon Rectifier Block.
(4) Traction Motor Armature (as distinct from Traction Motor).

752. The cost of spare starting resistances of D.C. Electric Locos will also be charged to Capital in addition to 6 items of spares for electric locos listed in para. 751.

752 - (A). Spare C & W bogies built with wheels and axles provided to facilitate and expedite the out turn of coaches and wagons from the repair shops, has been admitted by the Railway Board as justifying a charge to Capital provided they cost individually more than Rs. 1,00,000 and held in shops/sheds as non-stock items with complete documentation.

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753. Replacement and Renewals--After the date of opening of a line for traffic, the cost of replacement or renewal of works or articles of equipment which were complete on that date, is allocated in accordance with the rules in paragraphs 754 to 758.

754. Except as provided in paragraphs 703 (5) and 711 (2), the full cost of replacement, including the improvement and inflationary elements, of an asset should be charged (i) to the Depreciation Reserve Fund, if the original cost of the asset, estimated if not known, is at the debit of Capital or Development Fund and (ii) to Open Line Works-Revenue, if the original cost of the asset, estimated if not known is at the debit of Open Line Works-Revenue, provided that in the case of an asset falling within the category 'C' mentioned in Note 2 to paragraph 711, the cost of replacement, if not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs, should be charged to Open Line Works-Revenue, even though the original cost of such assets is at debit of Capital.

755. When the cost of replacement is chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund and is less than the original cost (cost at the debit of Capital or Development Fund or ACSPAF) of the assets replaced, which may be estimated if not known, the entire cost of replacement should be charged to the Depreciation Reserve Fund and difference between the original and the cost of replacement should be credited to Capital or Development Fund or the Accident Compensation, Safety and Passengers Amenities Fund as the case may be, by debit to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

756. When the cost of replacement is chargeable to Open Line Works-Revenue and it is less than the original cost at the debit of Capital or Open Line Works-Revenue, the entire cost of replacement should be charged to Open Line Works-Revenue and no further adjustment in respect of excess original cost should be made except that the original cost at the debit of Capital, which may be estimated if not known, should be written off by debit to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

757. If the original cost of an asset was partly debited to the Development Fund and partly to Open Line Works-Revenue, the cost of replacement of such an asset shall be allocated
to the Depreciation Reserve Fund and Open Line Works -- Revenue in proportion to the original cost charged to the Development Fund and Open Line Works-Revenue.

**758** For the purpose of paragraphs 754 and 755, a replacement or renewal to admit of a debit to the Depreciation Reserve Fund must fall under one of the following categories.-

1. Renewals, including casual renewals of rails, sleepers and fastenings, such as fish plates, fish-bolts, spikes, points and crossings, tongue rails;
2. Wholesale renewals or strengthening of bridges and girders;
3. Renewals of assets detailed in paragraphs 759 to 768 and
4. Renewals costing more than Rs. 5,000 of all other kinds of assets except those detailed in the list appended below and those mentioned in item (6) of para 705-

Note: The limit of Rs. 5000 prescribed in item (4) above applies to the cost of all assets involved in the portion chargeable to Depreciation Reserve Fund of a work and not to the total cost of the work.

List-

(a) Train lighting equipment including dynamos, batteries and re-wiring (Electric equipment).
(b) Locomotive fire-boxes.
(c) Locomotive fire-box plates.
(d) Locomotive axles.
(e) Locomotive tyres.
(f) Locomotive cylinders.
(g) Component parts of wheels and axles of carriages and wagons.
(h) All apparatus and appliances including instruments and accessories for railway hospitals and dispensaries.
(i) Floors and roofs of buildings.
(j) Stair cases and side-walks of bridges.
(k) Ballast.
(l) Re-wiring of high tension circuits of motor coaches of suburban electric rolling stock.
(m) Flexible pinion assembly on the Electric Freight Locomotives.

When a renewal or replacement does not fall under any of the categories detailed in this rule, the cost of replacement will be borne by Ordinary Revenue when it is not chargeable to Open Line Works- Revenue.

Note: The cost of repairing flood damages, including the cost of repairing damages to track caused by accidents, is chargeable to "Ordinary Revenue, Maintenance and Repairs", unless the repairs are associated with an element of betterment when the cost should be charged to the Depreciation Reserve Fund or Open Line Works--Revenue as the case may be.

**759. Renewals of rails, etc.-**When renewal of track is proposed by different weight of rail and different type of Sleeper, the amount chargeable to the Depreciation Reserve Fund will
either be the estimated original cost of the material in the track or the full cost of replacement whichever is greater.

760. When rails, which were second-hand when originally put in the line, are replaced by new ones, the entire cost of replacement will be charged to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

761. Renewals of Boilers.- The cost of replacing spare boilers, charged in the first instance to Capital, with boilers of any type involving increased capacity should be charged to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

762. When a saturated boiler is replaced by a new superheater boiler even though it involves an increase in the tractive effort, the expenditure should be allocated to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

763. When an existing boiler is converted to superheat by the use of additional fittings, i.e. superheater, header, flues and elements should be charged to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. The cost of the tube plates and branch steam pipes, etc., which have to be renewed, should be charged wholly to ordinary revenue.

764. Renewals of Carriages and Brake-Vans.- In the case of replacement of carriages, one bogie should be taken as replacing two four-wheelers.

765. Renewals of Self-propelled Coaches - When self-propelled coaches are replaced by locomotives, the Cost at debit of capital in respect of the carriage portion will be written off from capital by debit to the Depreciation Reserve Fund and the cost of replacement, allocated to the Depreciation Reserve Fund in accordance with the provision of paragraphs 754, 755 and 758.

766. Renewals of wagons.- In the case of replacement of wagons, one bogie should be taken as replacing two 4-wheelers.

767. When new stock is built on old underframes, only the depreciated value of the underframes should be included in the cost of the new stock and the same amount being credited to the Depreciation Reserve Fund as value received for released materials.

768. Renewals of Rolling Stock parts.- The cost of renewals of complete wheels and axles of carriages and wagons should be allocated to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

769. When locomotives are converted to superheated steam, the total cost should be charged to Ordinary Revenue.

770. When the motions, or in some cases the engine frames of locomotives, are altered, the total cost is charged to Ordinary Revenue.

771. When small fittings are provided for locomotives or boilers incidental to conversions, the total cost is charged to Ordinary Revenue.
772. **Incidental Works**.- The allocation of temporary works and diversions, which are incidental to a main work, follows that of the main work in connection with which they are required, and where the main works are debitable partly to Capital or the Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue and partly to the Depreciation Reserve Fund or Ordinary Revenue, their cost is allocated in rateable proportions.

773. The cost of incidental works which are not essential for the execution of the main work, but are required merely to maintain the earnings of the railway at their normal level is chargeable entirely to Ordinary Revenue.

774. **Incidental Charges**.- The cost of a work includes all charges directly connected with the work. Accordingly the freight on materials to the site of work and charges for loading and unloading, dismantlement, shifting and relaying form part of the cost of the work to which they are directly incidental and are not separately chargeable to Ordinary Revenue.

775. **Expenditure on Ceremonial Occasions**.- The expenditure incurred on ceremonial occasions in connection with the opening of new lines or open line works shall be charged to Ordinary Revenue.

776. **Cost of Tools and Plants and Special Posts**.- No portion of the pay or allowances of permanent open line staff shall be charged to Capital, Depreciation Reserve Fund, Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue, as the case may be, when such staff is employed on special works and the vacancies thus caused in the open line cadre remain unfilled. The cost (less return value) of tools and plant specially purchased and the cost of any posts specially created, for the supervision or construction of a work chargeable purely to Capital or Depreciation Reserve Fund or Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue, is debited to Capital, Depreciation Reserve Fund, Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Open line Works-Revenue, as the case may be. Where the cost of work is chargeable partly to Capital or Development Fund, Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Depreciation Reserve Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue, the cost of such posts and tools and plants should be allocated to Capital or Development Fund or Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund or Depreciation Reserve Fund or Open Line Works-Revenue in the same proportion in which the estimate for the work excluding the estimated cost of tools and plant and special posts, is chargeable. For working out the proportion, the gross amount of the estimate (ignoring the provision for credits on account of released materials) should be taken into account. The cost of a post, for the purpose of this rule includes the leave salary and contributions towards passages, pensions, provident fund, bonus and special contribution to provident fund, which the holder of the post may be entitled to.

Note. The provision for credits on account of released materials to be ignored in working out the proportion of cost of tools and plants and special posts, should be the net credit in terms of paragraph 710 (2).
777. Inter-Railway Transfer of Assets.-When locomotives and other rolling stock are transferred from an Indian Railway to a railway other than Indian Railways the Depreciation Reserve Fund of the selling railway should be debited with the original cost of the stock by credit to Capital and the Depreciation Reserve Fund credited with the depreciated value of the stock, by debit to the railway to which the stock is transferred, the depreciated value being arrived at according to the following formula

Where-
(a) is the sum of the years the stock has run, six months or less to be ignored and more than six months to count as one year;
(b) is the sum of the years of its normal life;
(c) is the original cost of the stock or present day replacement cost, whichever is greater;

then------

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c = \left( \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{75c}{100} \right)
\]

= Depreciated value of the stock.

Note.- (1) The value of any locomotive, boiler, carriage or wagon shall not be at any time less than 25 percent of its original cost or present day replacement cost, whichever is greater.

(2) The cost of a boiler or an engine, when it is not known separately should be calculated on the following basis :-

(a) Cost of boiler for tender/tank engines = $\frac{1}{4} / \frac{1}{3}$ of the original cost or present day replacement cost, whichever is greater, of the whole locomotive.

(b) Cost of engine for tender/tank engine = $\frac{3}{4} / \frac{2}{3}$ of the original cost or present day replacement cost, whichever is greater, of the whole locomotive.

778. The normal life of Rolling stock should, for the purposes of the preceding rule be assumed to be as given under para 219.

779. The example given below illustrates the formula prescribed in paragraph 777.-

Example.-An engine, the original cost of which is Rs. 6 lakhs is transferred to another railway after it has run for six years.-
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b = 1 + 2 + 3 + \ldots + 40 = 820
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c = 6,00,000
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\text{Depreciated value} = 6,00,000 - \left(\frac{21}{820} \times \frac{75 \times 6,00,000}{100}\right)
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= 6,00,000 - 11,525
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= 5,88,475
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780. When rolling stock is transferred from one Indian Railway to another such railway, the original cost and the amount of depreciation, since purchase or since last renewal if renewed, should both be transferred from the selling to the purchasing railway without any financial adjustment, the cost of part renewals, if any, actually charged to the Depreciation Reserve Fund being deducted before transfer. The depreciation, for the purpose of this paragraph, should be calculated on the basis of "normal life" as shown in paragraph 219 except that the life of a "carriage" and "wagon" should be taken to be 30 and 40 years respectively, no distinction being made between wooden and other vehicles or wagons.

781. Assets other than Rolling Stock.- When assets other than rolling stock are transferred from one Indian Railway to another such railway, adjustments, where necessary, will be made between the selling and the purchasing railways in accordance with paragraphs 703 to 715, the sale value being the market value as may be mutually settled between the railways parties to the transaction as in the case of disposal or sale of assets.

782. Sale of overage or condemned locomotives and wagons.- The sale price of overage or condemned locomotives and wagons shall be determined in accordance with the following formula -

Locomotives.- (a) Scrap value, on weight basis, at controlled rates, on the ferrous portion.

Virgin metal value, at present day prices, on non-ferrous portion, e.g., copper, brass, etc.

The aggregate value thus arrived at, to be raised by 25 per cent.

(b) In addition to the sale price, calculated as above, a proportion of the cost of periodical overhaul given to the locomotives prior to their sale, should also be included therein. This should be determined in accordance with the formula given below -
Cost of periodical overhaul \( \times \) Average kilometrage between 2 periodical overhauls

Kilometrage done by engine since last periodical overhauls

Average kilometrage between 2 periodical overhauls

Wagons.--- Scrap value at controlled rates excepting for serviceable parts e.g., wheels and axles, springs, draw gear, buffing gear, brake gear, etc., for which 50 percent of the present day prices should be added. The aggregate value thus arrived at should be raised by 25 percent to arrive at the sale price.

Subject to the minimum as fixed above, the actual sale price should be settled in each case depending on the working condition of the unit.

Note. This Formula relating to wagons does not apply to wagon bodies (i.e. condemned wagons after stripping useful fittings) sold by auction.

783. Transfers of assets from ‘Open Line’ to 'Construction'.- When an asset borne at the debit of Capital or Development Fund or Accident Compensation Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund is transferred from Open Line to Construction, the original cost of the asset should be written back from Capital or Development Fund or Accident compensation safety and Passenger Amenities Fund to the Depreciation Reserve Fund and the depreciated value of the asset deviated to the construction estimate by credit to the Deprecation Reserve Fund. In the case of assets created out of Open Line Works Revenue, only the depreciated cost should be debited to the construction project by credit to Open Line Works-Revenue.

784. Replaced Stock- Credits for Rolling stock, replaced but kept running on the lines should be afforded to the Depreciation Reserve Fund only when the stock is actually broken up or returned to the store depot or otherwise disposed of.

785. When parts of an engine or vehicle which is borne on the “replaced stock” list, are to be used in construction of new stock, the present value of material so used shall be included as part of the cost of the new stock, the Depreciation Reserve Fund receiving credit to that extent.

786. The cost of all additions and alterations which may be required to be made in the replaced stock to render it suitable for the purpose for which its retention was intended, should be charged to revenue. Vehicles converted into those of a different class do not come under this rule and incidence of the cost of conversion follows the ordinary rules.

787. Second-hand Rails- When second-hand rails, released from existing lines are supplied to new projects or other administrations, their price is determined according the formula prescribed below: -
Price per ton = \( R - \frac{N}{L} (R - S) \)

Where ---

- \( R \) is the present day price of new rails of the section in questing (exclusive of freight charges);
- \( N \) is the age of the rails;
- \( L \) is the estimated life of the rail; and
- \( S \) is the scrap value of the rail.

Normally, \( L \) should be taken as 60 years but is subject to variation in cases where the Chief Engineer considers that it is not a fair estimate of the life; and \( S \) should be taken at 40 percent of the present day price of new rail unless there are special reason to hold that, at the time of transfer of the rails, the value so arrived at diverges considerably from the current market rates for such scrap when the value may be fixed on the basis of rates obtained for large quantities at recent sales.

**788. Private Railways worked by Indian Railways** - The detailed rules in foregoing paragraphs of this chapter are generally applicable to expenditure on private lines worked by Indian Railways except in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of the contract between the Government and party owning the railway, when the provision of the contract shall prevail. The important deviations from rules in this chapter which the contracts generally provide for are—

(a) The New Minor Works limit is Rs. 1,000 in the case of certain railways and Rs. 2,000 or 5,000 in the case of others, and on some of the railways the charge to revenue on account of new minor works is subject to an aggregate monetary limit, annual or half-yearly. But petty works, though costing individually not more than the new minor works limit, can be grouped together for the purpose of debiting the aggregate cost of such works to capital when they are included in a group of petty works, none of which can be carried out or is effective for the purpose for which intended independently of the construction of others, or when the works are connected by the same general idea and are undertaken at or about the same time as a part of general scheme.

(b) The cost of trial stations is charged to capital if estimated to cost more than the New Minor Works limit. It is written back to revenue if the station is eventually abandoned.

(c) The original cost of an abandoned work ordinarily remains at the debit of capital. When the work is demolished or sold, Capital pays for the demolition and receives credit for the sale proceeds or the value of the material recovered, as the case may be. When assisted sidings are abandoned, revenue is charged with any balance of the cost, which may remain at debit of Capital after the sidings have been dismantled.