EAST COAST RAILWAY

Office of the Principal Chief Commercial Manager
Rail Sadan, North Block, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751017

ZONAL COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR

No. 05 (C) of 2026
(COACHING)

No.PCCM/100/ chg. Circular /Pt- XI/26 ***Dated: 23.01.2026.***

To
All SM's/CI's/CBSR's/CRS's/CPSR's/CTI-in-Charge of Divn./CTI Squad-in Charge/CTI station /Clerk- in- Charge & YTSKs over East Coast Railway.

Sub: Provision of catering services in Vande Bharat Sleeper.
Ref: Railway Board's letter No.2025/Catering/600/02 (e-3521519) dated 14.01.2026.

(Commercial Circular No. 05 of 2026)

Please find enclosed a copy of Railway Board's letter under above reference regarding provision of caterin services in vande bharat sleeper. Necessary instructions may be issued accordingly.

Authority:- Railway Board's letter No.2025/Catering/600/02 (e-3521519) dated 14.01.2026.

Encl: As above.

(Rajagopal)
Dy. Chief Commercial Manager (PS)
For Principal Chief Commercial Manager

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CCM:ECoR, **PCOM** ECoR,SDGM/PFA&CAO/PCE/PCSTE/PCMD/PCEE/PCME/PCOS/PCPO /CAO(Con)/CPRO of ECoR, Member/RCT/BBS, Chairman/RRB/BBS, Dy.CVO(T)/BBS, **DRMs**:WAT/KUR/SBP. **SrDCMs**:WAT/KUR/SBP **SrDOMs**:WAT/KUR /SBP. Dy.CCO /ECoR /BBS CCO, FACAO(T), Dy.FA&CAO (T)/ BBS, VSKP Port/Paradeep Port, ED/CRIS, Chanakyapuri/New Delhi-110021, GGM /IRCTC /Kolkata, CRM/IRCTC/BBS. GM/RITES/BBS& GM(IT) /RITES, New Delhi.

(Rajagopal)
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For Principal Chief Commercial Manager

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L.No. RB-03 Dt. 19.01.26

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

No.2026/Catering/600/02(e-3521519) New Delhi, dated 14.01.2026

The Principal Chief Commercial Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Chairman and Managing Director,
IRCTC, New Delhi.

Commercial Circular No. 05 of 2026

Sub : Provision of catering services in Vande Bharat Sleeper.
Ref : Commercial Circular No.03 of 2026.

Vide Commercial Circular referenced above, fare structure of Vande Bharat Sleeper Express has been notified for 1AC, 2AC & 3AC classes, which is all inclusive.

In reference to provision of catering services in Vande Bharat Sleeper Express, following is advised:

1. Catering services will be provided as an integral part of services within the fare notified in the fare table for all classes of services vide Commercial Circular referenced above. As such, catering charges will not be levied separately.

2. For making provision of catering services in Vande Bharat Sleeper trains, respective Zonal Railway shall reimburse @Rs.0.4/- per passenger per km (excluding GST) to IRCTC from the fare already notified. GST shall be applied as per extant instructions.

3. IRCTC shall provide catering services to all passengers of Vande Bharat Sleeper Express, depending upon journey time between each O-D pair of stations.

4. IRCTC shall decide the requirement of services (i.e. Lunch, Dinner, Morning tea, & Evening tea) to passengers between each O-D pair of stations and fix the menu of each service accordingly within the above mentioned reimbursement charge.

5. One litre 'Rail Neer' packaged drinking water bottle and newspaper will be provided to all passengers irrespective of journey time by IRCTC within the same reimbursement charges. No separate reimbursement on this account shall be made.

6. Information regarding provision of catering services to passengers of Vande Bharat Sleeper Express should be notified by IRCTC for information of passengers and Railways.

7. All other extant instructions as applicable for premium prepaid trains shall continue to be followed.

This issues with concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(A.Rangarajan)
Dy Director/Catering
Railway Board

No.2026/Catering/600/02(e-3521519) New Delhi, dated .01.2026

Copy to:
(i) PFAs/All Indian Railways for information and necessary action.
(ii) Director General of Audit, All Indian Railways for information.

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For Member Finance/Railway Board

Copy to:

(i) ED/PM, EDTC(R), EDF(C&PPP), ED/IP.
(ii) MD/CRIS
(iii) PSO to CRB& CEO for kind information of CRB& CEO.
(iv) PSO to MO&BD for kind information of MO&BD.

(A.Rangarajan)
Dy Director/Catering
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