EAST COAST RAILWAY

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Commercial Circular No.76(GC)/2026 Date:16.03.2026

Sub: Review of Demurrage/ Penal Demurrage.

Ref: (i) Corrigendum No. 56 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 (Circulated vide this office Commercial Circular No.102(GC)/2025 dtd.20.03.2025)

(ii) Corrigendum No. 60 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 (Circulated vide this office Commercial Circular No.49(GC)/2026 dtd.24.02.2026)

A copy of Railway Board's letter No.TC-I/2024/201/efile/6(3474365) dated 13.03.2026(Corrigendum No.61 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharafge-Waiver/2016/0) on " **Review of Demurrage/ Penal Demurrage**" is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

All concerned to note and act accordingly.

Authority: Railway Board's letter No. TC-I/2024/201/efile/6(3474365) dated 13.03.2026 (Corrigendum No.61 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0)

Encl: As above (02 pages).

(H. K. Mohanty)
Chief Commercial Manager(FS)

No. PCCM/95/DC/Pt.VIII Dated 16.03.2026

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

No.TC-I/2024/201/efile/6(3474365) New Delhi, dt. 13 .03.2026

General Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Review of Demurrage/Penal Demurrage
Ref:(i) Corrigendum No.56 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0
(ii) Corrigendum No.60 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0

Please refer to Board's circular under reference(i) on the above mentioned subject, valid up to 31.03.2026.

The matter has been reviewed and following has been decided:

Rates of Demurrage Charge:

Base rate of Demurrage Charge shall be ₹150/- per 8-wheeled wagon per hour, or part of an hour, for detention of wagon in excess of the permissible free time for loading or unloading. Demurrage Charge will be levied in graded manner as under:

Duration of excess detention (Beyond prescribed free time for loading/unloading)	Rate of Demurrage
Upto 6 hours	Base Rate (₹150/- per wagon per hour or part of an hour)
Beyond 6 hours up to 12 hours	Base rate + 10%
Beyond 12 hours up to 24 hours	Base rate + 25%
Beyond 24 hours up to 48 hours	Base rate + 50%
Beyond 48 hours up to 72 hours	Twice of Base Rate
Beyond 72 hours up to 96 hours	Thrice of Base Rate
Beyond 96 hours	Six times of Base rate known as "Penal Demurrage Rate"

The guidelines for waiver of Demurrage will continue to be applicable as per existing SOP.

In the context of waiver, Para 2.11 of Corrigendum No.60 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 is reiterated which states that application for waiver of Demurrage and Wharfage shall be entertained only for the cases where circumstances fall within conditions given in Para 2.8 i.e. those which are not within the control of consignor and consignee and on account of Act of God, Act of war and Act of Public enemies. Recording of reasons of waiver in the form of a reasoned speaking order shall be compulsory for all cases of waiver, irrespective of the quantum of waiver. This instruction will be applicable for all types of Demurrage including Penal Demurrage.

13/3/2026

While examining the cases for waiver of Demurrage/Wharfage, Zonal/Divisional Railway shall take into account the following:

a) Demurrage/Wharfage should not be considered as a source of earning, but only a measure to ensure discipline in terminal operation and asset utilization. The concerned officer as per Schedule of Power (SOP) should understand and ascertain whether the conditions leading to accrual of Demurrage/Wharfage are within or beyond the control of customer, and take the view regarding waiver accordingly.
b) For major/regular freight customers offering considerable traffic and generating revenue for railways, Demurrage/Wharfage should liberally be waived to maintain good customer relations and consistent rail coefficient.
c) To the extent and manner possible, waiver of Demurrage/Wharfage should be used as an effective marketing tool and for quick release of the rakes and wagon.

The above mentioned guidelines will be effective from 01.04.2026 and will remain valid till 31.03.2027.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority with Finance concurrence.

(अतुल कुमार)
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