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**Office of the Principal Chief Commercial Manager**

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**No. 18 (C) of 2026**

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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: Providing reserved accommodation in LSLRD coaches of fully reserved trains such as Duronto express trains..

Ref: Railway Board's letter No.2023/TG-I/20/82 dated 13.03.2026.

## (Commercial Circular No. 09 of 2026)

Please find enclosed a copy of Railway Board's letter under above reference regarding providing reserved accommodation in LSLRD coaches of fully reserved trains such as Duronto express trains.

**Authority:-** Railway Board's letter No. 2023/TG-I/20/82 dated 13.03.2026.

Encl: As above.

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

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## (Commercial Circular No. 09 of 2026)

**Sub: Providing reserved accommodation in LSLRD coaches of fully reserved trains such as Duronto express trains.**

**Ref: Instructions issued vide Commercial Circular No. 23 of 2023, Commercial Circular No. 06 of 2024 and letter No. 2023/TG-1/20/82 dated 17.03.2025.**

In supersession of all the instructions cited above wherein the guidelines for earmarking of accommodation in LSLRD coaches attached in fully reserved trains like Duronto Express trains and methodology to be adopted for catering facility had been issued, the following has been decided: -

i. A new coach class code '2H' shall be defined in the system, mapped to bogie type N-1/NS-1, representing the 2H/2H cum Sleeper attached in LSLRD coach respectively. This class will be equivalent to 2S but without having facility to opt for pre-paid catering.
ii. The entire passenger portion of LSLRD coach having composite composition shall be given Coach Identity "NS", wherein 'N' would be there for portion having 31/32 reserved 2H class accommodation while 'S' would stand for Sleeper accommodation earmarked for Persons with Disabilities.
iii. The portion of LSLRD earmarked for general passengers may be fired as 2H reserved class only and the fare of that class for that category of train may be charged accordingly.
iv. In such trains, the reservation quota in Sleeper class for Persons

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with Disabilities (PwDs) shall be earmarked only in the portion of LSLRD earmarked for them on normal fare of the class applicable for that train.

v. Due to technical reasons, both general passengers and PwD passengers booked in SLRD portion (Sleeper class) of newly defined 2H class will not have the option to choose pre-paid catering facility.

vi. Further, the unutilized sleeper class accommodation of this portion shall be released at the time of preparation of first reservation charts to such passengers of normal sleeper class who have not opted for catering as in this case the fare paid by both the passengers will be same. In such cases breach of priority may occur as passengers booked earlier with catering options may not be allotted berths while the passengers who have not opted for catering but booked later may get confirmed. However, keeping in view the technical design aspects of LSLRD coaches where it is not feasible to provide catering and also the fact that number of vacant berths against four berths earmarked for PwDs might be 0-4 and the probability of Sleeper class passengers who will opt for pre-paid catering is low, fractional cases of breach of priority, if any, may be accommodated to provide intended facilities to the passengers and to avoid complaints on this account.

vii. Even if a single passenger has opted for catering, such passenger may not be shifted to LSLRD coach. Onboard ticket checking staff shall also be advised that no passenger who has opted for catering should be shifted to LSLRD coach.

viii. In situations where a coach is damaged and confirmed passengers require relocation to a lower class, 2S confirmed passengers may be shifted to 2H as there is no difference in fare and also at present, pre-paid catering option is not available in both the cases.

ix. However, in no case splitting of passengers between 2S and 2H shall be allowed for confirmed party due to functional and structural constraints.

x. As far as upgradation is concerned, if there is waiting list in 2H class and vacant 2S accommodation is available in the train, they can be considered for upgradation to 2S.

xi. After preparation of first reservation charts and till preparation of second reservation charts, option of catering will not be

available for the passengers booking in Sleeper class of such trains as the system may provide vacant Sleeper class accommodation available in the portion earmarked for PwDs in LSLRD.

xii. Necessary modifications will have to be implemented in HRMS, NTES, ICMS and HHT system to fully support the new 2H class.

2. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned accordingly.

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