

Public Works (189⁶) Department.

G.O., No. 1042 R

DATED 3rd Decr 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Saloms. Letter to the Govt of India
inquiring whether the rate of 6 as a mile for
the haulage of ——— is intended to cover
also the fares of servants who may travel in the
third class compartments of that Salom.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta

31st November 1896

SIR,

With reference to
Government of India Cir-
cular No. XV Railway of 4.
26th October 1895, regarding
third class accommodation
for servants in the carriages
reserved for Honourable mem-
bers of the Supreme Council,
I am directed to enquire
whether the rate of 8 annas
a mile for the hire of
reserved saloons is intended
to cover also the fares of ser-
vants who may travel in
the 3rd Class compartment
of that Saloon -

2. This reference is made at the suggestion of the Agent and Manager Madras Railway who states that there is a difference of opinion on railways as to the correct reading of the rule & declares that the above was not contemplated by the Govt. of India as indicated in its observations made in the first para of the Circular referred to. ^{no ~~XX~~ only date 26 Oct 1895 which the Agent understands} it is a parallel case.

3. The Examiner of Ry. Accounts is however of opinion that there is nothing in the either Circular in question to support the Agent's contention, but that from the fact that no provision is made in the regulation form calculated with Govt. of India No 757 R.T. of 28 Decr. 1894 to show the number of servants to accompany an official in his special or reserved saloon, it is apparent that it is not intended that separate charges should be made for their carriage, unless they are accommodated in a separate

separate 3rd Class Compartment. - He adds that in the schedule attached to Government of India Circular No. 7 Railway of 5th Sept 1895 which was accepted by the Madras Railway Company the payment to be made for the hire of special or reserved carriage has been fixed & it is distinctly stated that the charges leviable are to cover all charges inclusive of hire.

4. From the attached correspondence it will be seen that the Agent has been informed that the claim is untenable but he requests that the point may be referred to the Govt. of India for a ruling.

4. I am to say that this Government concurs with the Examiner and requests to be furnished with the final ruling of the Govt. of India on this point.

Documents accompanying

A.M's No. 7148 of 22. 11. 95
 ER's No. 88 of 10. 1. 96
 A.M's No. 7148 of 21. 8. 96
 ER's No. 738 of 3. 9. 96
 A.M's No. 1016 of 14. 11. 96

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