

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 207 R

DATED 20. March 1897

11/4/97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Passenger Rates. Govt of India to the agreeing with the views of the Govt in Council that the sanctioned minimum rates for - on the G. I. Railway are not intended to apply to the cases of special concessions to large parties and season tickets and that no further restriction in these cases appears to be required than the approval of the local Govt. Comd to the Agent, S. D. Ry.

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Government {1897} of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

G.O., No. 207 R., 26th March 1897.

MARCH.

Government of India letter agreeing with the views of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the sanctioned minima rates for — on the South Indian Railway are not intended to apply to the cases of special concessions to large parties and season tickets and that no further restriction in these cases appears to be required than the approval of the Local Government, communicated to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Calcutta, dated Madras, 10th February 1897, No. 94 R.

I am directed to forward, for the orders of the Government of India, copy of a letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 83, dated 25th January 1897, enquiring whether the passenger fares fixed in schedule A of Government of India, Public Works Department Resolution, No. 228 R.T., dated 23rd April 1892, were intended to apply to the cases of special concessions to large parties and season tickets and asking what latitude will be permitted in such cases.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council understands that the sanctioned minima rates are not intended to apply to the cases in question and no further restriction in these cases appears to be required than the approval of the local Government to charges recorded in minutes of official meetings.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 25th January 1897, No. 83.

Under Government of India Resolution, Public Works Department, No. 228 R.T., dated 23rd April 1892, and clause 31 of the Indenture made on 24th November 1890, between the Secretary of State and this Company, the maxima and minima fares prescribed in schedule A of the resolution above referred to may not be infringed. This necessitates the refusal of applications for special concessions to large parties in cases where minima fares would not be realized. Our present first-class fare being the minimum fixed by Government, no reduction whatever can be granted to passengers of this class, and the restriction, I fear, involves loss of traffic. I am also in doubt whether it is strictly correct to issue season tickets at reduced rates, as this must frequently result in the infringement of prescribed minima fares.

2. It is not, I believe, the intention of Government to insist on the rigid application of the passenger fares fixed in schedule A above referred to, in the exceptional cases of large parties and season tickets, and I shall be obliged, if you share this opinion, by a reference being made to the Government of India to ascertain what latitude will be permitted. I would suggest that concession to parties should be restricted to three-fourth fares for single journeys and to single fares for a double journey. As regards rates for season tickets, the charge might be fixed by this Administration subject to confirmation at an official meeting.

From the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway Traffic), to the Officiating Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Calcutta, 16th March 1897, No. 261 R.T.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 94 R., dated the 10th February 1897, forwarding, for orders, copy of a letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, enquiring whether the passenger fares fixed in schedule A to Government of India Resolution, No. 228 R.T., dated 23rd April 1892, were intended to apply to special concessions to large parties and season tickets and what latitude will be permitted in such cases.

2. In reply, I am to state that the Government of India agree with the views of His Excellency the Governor in Council as expressed in paragraph 2 of your letter under acknowledgment.

ORDER—No. 207 R., dated 26th March 1897.

Communicated to the Agent, South Indian Railway, for information with reference to his letter, No. 83, dated 25th January 1897.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Under Secretary to Government,
Railway Branch.

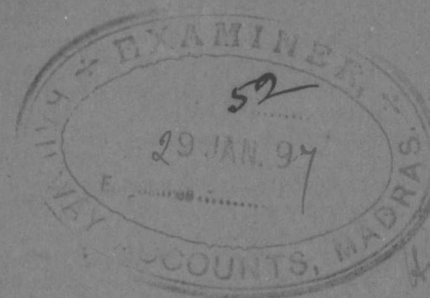
To the Agent, South Indian Railway.
" Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.



Form No. 21.
500-7-1-97.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 29th January 1897.



No. 368

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 83
dated 25th January 1897, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts for favour of remarks.

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for E. R.

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EXAMINER'S REPLY.

So far as my experience on other lines goes, the
sanctioned minimum fares are never held to be applicable
to periodical tickets a special concession to large parties &c.

A season ticket is reckoned as the equivalent of 40
single journeys for each weekly ticket, but if the price
of such a ticket could not be reduced below the fare
for 40 journeys at minimum rates, few or none would be sold.

There is however no authoritative ruling on the point
so far as I am aware, and as the Agent has raised the
question officially, his letter might be referred to the Agent

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From
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
Trichinopoly.
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.
Dated
Received
No.
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ENCLOSURE.

of India with a remark that the Local Govt understands
that the sanctioned minimum rates are not intended to apply
to the cases in question.

No further restriction in these cases appears to be required
than the approval of Govt to charges recorded in Minutes of
Special Meetings

W. Allen
CR 2/2/97

Draft to India
in these terms
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R. Form No. 14.

No. 942

Government of Madras.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.**

To

THE Secretary to the
Govt of India.
P. W. D. Calcutta

Madras, the 10th February 1897.

SIR,

I am directed
to forward for the orders
of the Government of India
Copy of a letter from the
Agent, S. 2 R. do. 83 dated
25th January 1897, inquiring
whether the passenger fares
fixed in Schedule C of Govt
P. W. D.
of India Resolution. No. 228.
R. T. of 23rd April 1892, were
intended to apply to the
Cases of Special Concessions

to large parties and season tickets and asking what latitude will be permitted in such cases.

2. A.S. the Governor-in-Council understands that the sanctioned minimum rates are not intended to apply to the cases in question and ~~there~~ no further restriction in these cases appears to be required than the approval of the local Government to changes recorded in minutes of special meetings.

9/2/97

Documents accompanying:

Copy of letter from Agent, S. I. Ry
referred to.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2977

Order

From

The Govt of India
S. I. Ry.

No. 261 R.T.

Dated 16th March 1897

Received 22-3-97

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Rates and fares S. I. Ry

Passing orders on the questions enquiring as to whether the passenger fares fixed in Schedule A to Govt of India resolution No. 228 R.T. dt 23.4.92 were intended to apply to special concessions to large parties & season tickets &c

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The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

M.L.M.

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No. 207. R dated 26/3/97
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter to the Govt. of India } Sd/- No. 94 R of 10 Feb'y 1897
P. W. Deptt. with encls. }

Letter from *[Signature]* - " - " - 261 R.T. of 16 March 97
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Communicated to
the Agent S. & Railway
for information. with reference
to his letter No. 83 of 25 Jan'y 97.

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Reply to Agent S. & R. in the sense
of the understanding that has been
come to between us and the Govt of India,
but it is unnecessary to send him the correspondence.
I may say "in a reference to Govt of India it has
been ascertained 9. 4."

To the Agent S. & R. Sd/- copy to A has been ascertained 9. 4.
- 2. Exr G. Ry. Secy. Do as above. I see it is
the office action to do it
in this way 7/11/97
24/3

No. 228-R.T.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Simla, the 23rd April 1892.

Maximum and minimum fares and rates for the carriage of both coaching and goods traffic over the South Indian Railway Company's Undertaking.

Read—

Endorsement by the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 1990, dated 18th June 1869.

Public Works Department Circular No. XIV Railway, dated 21st July 1886.

Clauses 31, 33, 34 and 36 of the Contract, dated 24th November 1890, between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the South Indian Railway Company, Limited.

Endorsement by the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, No. 1142-R., dated 15th May 1891.

Public Works Department letter No. 534 R.T., dated 6th July 1891, to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Public Works Department Resolution No. 563 R. T., dated 16th July 1891.

Public Works Department letter No. 588 R.T., dated 22nd July 1891.

Public Works Department Circular No. 17 Railway, dated 30th October 1891.

Public Works Department letter No. 884 R. T., dated 6th November 1891, to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Read also—

Letter from the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 222-R., dated 25th January 1892, and its enclosures.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Government of India in Public Works Department letter No. 534-R.T., dated 6th July 1891, sought an expression of the views of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council and of the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company on certain proposals for revising, in conformity with the provisions of the several clauses, now read again, of the Company's Contract of the 24th November 1890, the existing scale of maximum passenger fares and goods rates applicable to the South Indian Railway.

2. The reply received intimated that, with the exception of the rates for bullion, the Company's Board of Directors had decided to adopt on the Undertaking the schedules of maximum and minimum fares and rates prescribed in Public Works Department Resolution No. 563 R.T., dated 16th July 1891, for all standard (5' 6") and metre (3' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") gauge railways directly administered by the Government, these being practically the same as those that were proposed for adoption on the South Indian Railway Company's Undertaking in schedules A and B appended to Public Works Department letter No. 534 R.T., dated 6th July 1891.

For the carriage of treasure, including specie, bullion, &c., whether for the Secretary of State or the general public, the Company's Board has accepted the later proposals contained in Public Works Department letter No. 588 R.T., dated 22nd July 1891.

*A/-
No. 207 R. dated 26.3.97.*

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is accordingly pleased to rule, in supersession of all previous orders on the subject, that—

- (a) the maximum and minimum fares and rates shewn in the accompanying Schedules A and B shall, under the provisions of clauses 31 and 34 of the Company's Contract of the 24th November 1890, be adopted for the carriage respectively of all coaching and goods traffic, both through and local, over the "open system" of the South Indian Railway Company's Undertaking;
- (b) the scale of charges laid down in Schedule A appended to Public Works Department Circular No. 17 Railway, dated 30th October 1891, shall, under the provisions of clauses 33 and 36 of the same Contract, be adopted in *local* booking for the carriage over the "open system" of materials and stores, including coal, required for use either on State railways worked by Government or on the Company's Undertaking, until such time as the Company and connected railways shall accept these rates in *through* booking in accordance with the request contained in paragraph 5 (a) of the resolution in the circular referred to above;
- (c) the classification of goods now obtaining on the Madras Railway shall be adopted, and no alterations made therein without the previous sanction of Government. With the permission of the Government of Madras, the transfer from one class to another of articles of small importance may be made with the previous sanction of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, who is also empowered to decide what articles fall within this category. In the case of important items, however, the approval of the Government of India must be obtained before any transfers are effected;
- (d) schedules A and B shall be regularly published in the coaching and goods tariffs of the railway under the signature of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras;
- (e) every alteration in classification which may be sanctioned, as well as all alterations in rates, must be recorded in the minutes of an official meeting;
- (f) standard class lists are to be prepared periodically, and carefully scrutinised in the office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, before submission to the Government of India.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

Documents accompanying.

1. Schedule A of maximum and minimum fares and rates for coaching traffic.
2. Schedule B of maximum and minimum fares and rates for goods traffic.

Schedule A to Public Works Department Resolution No. 228 R. T., dated 23rd April 1892.

Schedule of maximum and minimum fares and rates for coaching traffic.

				Maximum. Pies per mile.	Minimum. Pies per mile.
<i>Passenger fares—</i>					
1st class	...	...	...	18	12
2nd „ (*)	...	...	...	9	6
Intermediate class (*)	...	...	...	4½	3
3rd class	...	...	...	3	1½

				Maximum. Pies per mile.	Minimum. Pies per mile.
<i>Carriages (†)—</i>					
Single carriages	...	...	...	42	30

				Maximum. Pies per truck.	Minimum. Pies per truck.
Two or more carriages on one truck	...	...	...	54	42

				Maximum. Pies per mile.	Minimum. Pies per mile.
<i>Horses (†)—</i>					
Single horse	...	...	...	24	18

				Maximum. Pies per fifty miles or portion thereof.	Minimum. Pies per fifty miles or portion thereof.
<i>Dogs—</i>					
Each	...	...	...	96	48

Luggage and Parcels—

The rates passed at the Railway Traffic Conference of 1888, or such rates as may be passed at any subsequent Conference.

Bullion—

(a) Treasure, including specie, bullion, gold and silver coin, jewellery, trinkets, plate, &c., belonging either to the Secretary of State or to the general public:—

Up to 27 maunds	...	...	...	1½ pies per maund per mile.
Above 27 and up to 81 maunds	...	...	...	1½ ditto ditto.
Above 81 and up to 270 maunds	...	...	...	1 ditto ditto.
Over 270 maunds	...	...	...	¾ ditto ditto.

(*) The 2nd class fares may be varied between the maximum prescribed for that class and the minimum prescribed for intermediate class, so long as no intermediate class accommodation exists.

(†) Subject to a minimum charge of Rs. 5.

Escort—

- (i) One man is allowed to travel free, both on the outward and return journey, as a third class passenger when the consignments of treasure are over 54 and under 135 maunds.
- (ii) Two men when consignments are from 135 to under 270 maunds.
- (iii) Four men with consignments of 270 maunds and over.
- (iv) When a consignment amounts to 20 lakhs of rupees or more (625 maunds or more), a guard of four men to be allowed, with return passage, free of extra charge.

(b) Copper coin by passenger train in quantities of five maunds and under should be carried at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ pies per maund per mile; in quantities over five maunds, at $\frac{3}{4}$ pie per maund per mile, subject to a minimum charge as for ten maunds.

Schedule B to Public Works Department Resolution No. 228 R.T.,
dated 23rd April 1892.

Schedule of maximum and minimum rates for goods traffic.

Pies per maund per mile.

Maximum.	Minimum.
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Goods Rates—

	...	...	...	1	}	
5th class	...	...	...	$\frac{5}{6}$		
4th "	...	...	...	$\frac{2}{3}$		$\frac{1}{6}$
3rd "	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$		
2nd "	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{3}$		
1st "	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{10}$
Special ...	...	...	...			