

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 489 R

DATED 20 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Demurrage Charges. Entoy India Circular
on the subject of — for detentions and stoppages
en route of vehicles not the property of the State
reserved for high Entoy officials on both special
and ordinary trains on broad or metre gauge
lines, Comd to the Officers concerned for
information & guidance

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 28th June 1897.

READ—

Government of India letter No. 345 R. T., dated the 11th May 1896, to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta.

Read also—

OBSERVATIONS.—In paragraph I, (iv), (a), of the schedule appended to the Government of India circular No. 7 Ry., dated the 5th September 1894, it was ruled that demurrage charges, at the rates therein laid down, shall be levied for detentions and stoppages *en route* of engines and vehicles composing *special* trains for the Viceroy, Governors, Lieutenant-Governors and the Commander-in-Chief, when such halts are not necessary for railway purposes and are not provided for in the original time table.

2. It was subsequently found that some doubt appeared to exist as to whether under the provisions of paragraph III of the same schedule, charges for demurrage are admissible or not in the case of vehicles belonging to the State, and upon further consideration it was decided in the Government of India circular letter No. 489 R. T., dated the 26th June 1896, that such vehicles, *except when used for public traffic*, should be considered to be on the home line wherever they may be and that demurrage should not therefore be levied on them.

3. It has since been suggested that demurrage charges which, under the rule referred to in paragraph 1 of these observations, at present apply to vehicles *not* the property of the State only when attached to *special* trains, should be leviable under the Conference rules on vehicles the property of railway administrations—with the exception of such as have been expressly constructed for particular high officials of Government and for the Viceroy, and which are not ordinarily available for the general public—when reserved for high officials of Government travelling by *ordinary* trains, whether on broad or metre gauge lines. This view appears to the Government of India to be reasonable.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that the following clause be added under paragraph II (i)

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of the schedule issued with the Government of India circular read above and shall have effect from 1st July 1897:—

- (ii) Demurrage charges, according to Conference rules, may be recovered from Government in respect of the detention and stoppage *en route* of any vehicle (other than vehicles which are either the property of the State, or which have been expressly constructed for high officials of Government or for His Excellency the Viceroy) when reserved for high officials of Government travelling by ordinary train. In support of such charges the Railway Administration concerned must submit a written order signed by the official concerned, or by one of his staff officers, ordering such detention or stoppage.

ORDER.—Ordered that this resolution be communicated, for information and guidance, to the Local Governments and Administrations and to the officers noted on the margin; and to the several Departments of the Government of India and each Honourable Member of the Supreme Council, for information.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and Burma.
The Governments of North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab and Assam.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Resident in Mysore.
The Agents to the Governor General for Rajputana, Central India and Baluchistan.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.
The Accountant General, P. W. Dept.

M. B. S. S. S.
Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary.

Documents accompanying
Nil.

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The Joint Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department
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