

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

No.TCR/1078/2026/6/Frt-AutoMobile/3528404

Dated:25.03.2026

General Manager
 All Zonal Railways

Sub: Charging of Automobile traffic.

Ref: (i) Rates Circular No.32 of 2021 and corrigendum thereto.
 (ii) FM's Circular No.22 of 2024 and addendum/ corrigendum thereto.
 (iii) Rates Circular No.24 of 2018 & Rates Circular No.14 of 2019 &Corrigendum thereto
 (iv) FM Circular 06 of 2023 dated 31.03.2023
 (v) Corrigendum No. 02 to Corrigendum No. 97 to Rates Master Circular/PCC/CC+8 etc./2020/0; & Corrigendum No. 51 to Rates Master Circular on Block Rake/Mini Rake/Two Point Combination etc. 2020/0

1.0 As per the extant policy guidelines on the subject, the Haulage rate for automobile traffic when carried in NMG groups/ BCCNR and BCACM wagons were notified vide reference (i). Further, Haulage rates for BCACBM wagons were notified vide reference (ii) and Corrigendum No. 10 to Rates Circular No.32 of 2021.

2.0 The matter has been reviewed. In order to increase the modal share of Automobile traffic by rail, it has been decided to rationalize and simplify the charging of Automobile and to introduce a per wagon-kilometre-based haulage rate for automobile traffic in IR and Privately owned wagons.The details are as under:

(a) Commercial Nomenclature: A simplified terminology for different Automobile stock shall be **AUTO1** for NMG group, BCCNR & BCACM, **AUTO2** (Double Deck) for BCACBM and **AUTO3** (Tall, Double Deck) for ACT1.

(b) Rates for Haulage of Automobile in AUTO1, AUTO2 (Double Deck) and AUTO3 (Tall, Double Deck) wagons:

i. For Double Stack:

- Flat rate @ ₹ 70 per wagon per km up to 1250 km.
- From 1251 km to 3000 km linear tapering rate ₹ 70 to ₹ 50.
- Beyond 3000km flat rate ₹ 50 per wagon per km.

ii. For Single Stack:

- Flat rate @ ₹ 40 per wagon per km up to 1650 km.
- From 1651 km to 3000 km linear tapering rate ₹ 40 to ₹ 30.
- Beyond 3000km flat rate @ ₹ 30 per wagon per km.

iii. For Empty Haulage of Automobile wagon (non-IR wagon):

- Flat rate @ ₹ 14 per wagon per km up to 800 km.
- From 801 km to 3000 km linear tapering rate ₹ 14 to ₹ 9.
- Beyond 3000km flat rate @ ₹ 9 per wagon per km.

iv. Freight rate for AUTO3 (Tall, Double Deck) wagons: The freight rates for automobile traffic transported in AUTO3(Tall, Double Deck) wagon will be 0.8 times of the freight rates applicable for Double Stack, as per extant policy.

Other Conditions:

- Charges are all inclusive excluding GST.
- Busy Season Charge and Development Charges shall not be levied.
- Exemption from levy of Terminal Charge on Automobile traffic is vide Rates Circular No.14 of 2019 & Corrigendum thereto.
- Terminal Access Charge (TAC) will continue to be levied as per extant rules.
- 6% concession for traffic booked from and to North East Region shall be granted as per extant rules.
- Empty Haulage charge will be levied only on privately owned wagons.
- Minimum composition of wagons notified vide Ref (i), (iv) and(v).
- Minimum chargeable distance: 50 km

3.0 All other applicable commercial rules and regulations will continue to apply unchanged.

4.0 These instructions will come into force w.e.f. 01.04.2026 and remain valid up to 31.03.2027.

5.0 This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate and with the concurrence of Finance directorate of Railway Board.

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