

भारत सरकार Government of India
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रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

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The FA & CAOs,

CR/Mumbai, ER/Kolkata, ECR/Hajipur, ECoR/Bhubaneswar, NR/New Delhi, NCR/Allahabad, NER/Gorakhpur, NFR/Maligaon/Guwahati, NWR/Jaipur, SR/Chennai, SCR/Secunderabad, SER/Kolkata, SECR/Bilaspur, SWR/Hubli, WR/Mumbai, WCR/Jabalpur and Metro/Kolkata. Including (CLW/Chittaranjan, DLW/Varanasi, DMW/Patiala, ICF/Chennai, RCF/Kapurthala, RCF/Raebareli, RE/Allahabad, RWF/Bangalore, COFMOW/New Delhi and MTP/Chennai).

Sub:- Submission of Approximate Accounts Current for and to end of March, 2016.

Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance has since issued the schedule of submission of annual accounts of 2015-16. Accordingly, arrangements may please be made to ensure submission of Approximate Account Current for March 2016 along with the all schedules and the statements, as per para 343 A-I, in a cover addressed to Shri N.K. Rajgrihar, SAO-I, Room No.564, Rail Bhavan, Raisina Road, New Delhi-110001 latest by **11.4.2016** certain.

2. The following details (a, b and c) should be advised simultaneously:-

- Gross Traffic Receipts by each head i.e. Passenger, Other Coaching, Goods, Sundry and Suspense (including Demands Recoverable)
- Working Expenses Gross, Credit and Net by each Grant; and
- Works Expenditure by Plan Heads and by each source of financing i.e. Capital, Capital Fund, DRF, DF & RSF along with ANNEXURE A and details of Credit and Recoveries under each Plan Head.

3. In case, Final Closing statements of Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur for March, 2016 are not available in time, the Approximate Account Current should be compiled on the basis of the information available at RBI's website and that available with your office such as Debit Scrolls, Credit Scroll and Advices of Clearance issued by RBI, CAS, Nagpur for March, 2016 received at that stage and sent to Board's office in time. The changes of magnitude in the Approximate Account found necessary on receipt of the aforesaid statements from the RBI, Nagpur should also be advised immediately on receipt.

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4. The following instructions may also please be kept in view while compiling the Approximate Account Current for March, 2016:-

(i) **Exhibition of Appropriation to DRF, Pension Fund & Interest thereon**

The appropriation from revenue to 'DRF' and 'Pension Fund' and interest on each of the fund balance should be shown as distinct items against the appropriate head in the Approximate Account Current. Similarly, appropriation to 'Pension Fund' by charge against Miscellaneous Establishments and Audit and transfers from contributory Provident Fund to Pension Fund, if any, should also be shown distinctly against the appropriate head of Account.

(ii) **Rate of interest for DRF and Pension Fund balances**

The balance in the various Railway Reserve Fund (except Development Fund) carry the same rate of interest at which dividend is actually paid. In the case of Development Fund, the rate of interest on the balance in the fund is the same as the rate of interest, payable on the loans to the Fund provided from General Revenue as long as such loans are outstanding

(iii) **Dividend and Subsidy calculation statements**

- a. The Dividend and subsidy calculation statements for the year 2015-16 showing the dividend payable to General Revenue and subsidy due from General Revenues should be compiled and should be sent along with the Approximate Account Current without fail.
- b. The dividend rate for the year 2015-16 to General Revenue on the capital invested is to be paid @ 4% excluding dividend free Capital invested on Railways from the General Revenues irrespective of the year of investment, including the amount that was payable to States in lieu of passenger fare tax and contribution for assisting States for Safety works.
- c. Arrears of dividend, if any, to be adjusted in 2015-16 should be shown separately along with relevant details/references.
- d. All other concessions on rate of dividend/relief in dividend now available on residential building, new lines, subsidy from General Revenues etc. and as explained below have been allowed to continue:-
 - i. A concessional dividend i.e. 3.5 percent is payable on the capital cost of residential buildings.
 - ii. In respect of the capital invested on new lines, excluding the 28 new lines taken up on or after 1.4.1955 on other than financial considerations, the dividend payable is to be calculated at the least of the rate of dividend or average borrowing rate for each year and deferred during the period of construction and the first five years after opening of the lines for traffic. The deferred liability is to be paid out of the future surpluses of the lines after payment of current dividend (**no deferment should be made after completing the moratorium period**). The account of unliquidated deferred dividend liability on new lines is to be closed after a period of 20 years from the date of their opening, extinguishing any liability not liquidated within that period.


- iii. Shortfall, if any, in the payment of dividend on account of inadequacy of net revenue are treated as a deferred liability on which interest is charged.
 - iv. In case of Northern Railway, the capital so employed from the General Revenue in Udampur-Srinagar-Baramullah, New line project would be free from Dividend payment.
- e. Capital invested in the following cases qualifies for subsidy from the General Revenues to the extent of the dividend calculated at the rates specified above:-
- i. Strategic Lines (**only notified lines**).
 - ii. For 28 new lines taken up on or after 1.4.1955 on other than financial considerations, dividend becomes payable if any line becomes remunerative on the marginal cost principle. The arrangement is to be applied also to the two National Investments viz. Jammu-Kathua and Tirunelveli-Kanyakumari-Trivandrum line.
 - iii. N.F. Railway (Non-Strategic portion).
 - iv. Unremunerative Branch Lines subject to their unremunerativeness being established on the marginal cost principle in each of the case through an annual review of their financial results.
 - v. The Ore Lines between Bimalgarh-Kiriburu and Sambalpur-Titlagar.
 - vi. Ferries and Welfare buildings
 - vii. Gauge conversion works taken upon strategic consideration will also qualify for subsidy in payment of dividend from 2005-06 onwards.
 - viii. 50 percent of the capital invested on all works in the current year and in the two previous years, excluding capital invested in strategic lines, Northeast Frontier Railway (commercial) Ore Lines, Jammu-Kathua and Tirunelveli-Kanyakumari-Trivandrum Lines, Ferries and Welfare building and unremunerative branch lines which qualify in full for subsidy, **capital invested on new lines on which the dividend payable is deferred during the period of construction and the first five years after opening of the lines for traffic (no deferment should be made after completing the moratorium period)** and the capital cost of line wires taken over from the P&T Department.

(iv) **CASH BALANCE**

The closing cash balance as on 31.3.2016 to be adopted in the Approximate Account Current for March, 2016 should be based on 'ACTUALS' cash balance which will be available on the railways/units by the time the Approximate Account current and Actual Revenue/Capital Account Current for March, 2016 are compiled. **Zonal Railways/Production Units should close their Cash Book by 5th April 2016 (NF Railway by 8th of April 2016). Railways may ensure 'Zero' Cash in Transit (CIT) before the closure of Cash Book. Necessary Codal Correction in this regard shall follow.** It should be ensured that the closing cash balance appearing in Approximate Account Current and Actual Revenue/Capital Account Current for March, 2016 agree with each other as also with the opening cash balance on 1.4.2016 which will be reflected in April, 2016 Accounts. The above exercise must be completed before submission of the Approximate Account Current for March, 2016 to avoid corrections later in the March, 2016 and April, 2016 Accounts which will follow the Approximate Account Current.

5. The Approximate Account Current for March, 2016 and all correspondence in connection therewith should preferably be sent by speed post in the name of **Shri N.K. Rajgrihar, SAO-I, Room No.564, Rail Bhavan, Raisina Road, New Delhi-110001**, to avoid delay in transit if the same are not sent through a special messenger.

Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged by return.



21.3.16.

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Copy to:-

1. Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Sections, Nagpur for information and necessary action.
2. Accounts-IV (BO) Section, Railway Board for information and necessary action.