



**MOST IMMEDIATE
BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 18 OF 2008

JD(ART)

No. TCII/2196/07/AIDS/Policy.

New Delhi, dated 14.03.08.

General Managers (Comm.),
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Grant of concession to AIDS patients for treatment at nominated ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) Centres.

As announced by Hon'ble MR on 26.2.2008 in the Budget Speech for 2008-09, Ministry of Railways have decided to grant concession in train fares to AIDS patients, for treatment at nominated ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) Centres (list enclosed) and return after treatment. The element of concession will be 50% in Second class only (and not Sleeper or any other class).

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2. Concession will be admissible in basic Mail/Express fares only and not in other charges like reservation fee, superfast surcharge, development surcharge, etc., which shall be recovered in full as per existing rules. Concession will be granted directly by Station Masters on production of the certificate in prescribed form issued by Officer-in-charge of the concerned ART centre where the patient is to be treated or has been treated. Specimen copies of the prescribed Concession Certificates for outward and return journeys are enclosed. Concession will be admissible without any Minimum distance limit, subject to the distance restrictions otherwise applicable in individual Mail/Express trains. Concession will not be admissible in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi/Garib Rath trains. This concession will be admissible subject to other conditions mentioned in rule 101 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25 Part. I (Vol. II).

3. These instructions will come into effect on tickets issued from 1.4.2008.

4. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned immediately and suitable changes incorporated in PRS, manual ticketing system, SPTM, UTS, etc., wherever required, well in advance. Wide publicity through various media may be given at regular intervals. Zonal Railways may arrange to send specimen copies of the certificates to concerned ART centers situated in their Zones and also advise them about this concession. Health Departments of concerned State Governments may also be advised in this regard. This issues with the concurrence of Finance & Health Directorates of Ministry of Railways (Hindi version will follow.)

(Ravinesh Kumar)
Director Traffic Comm. (G),
Railway Board.

DA: As above.

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Copy forwarded to:

1. Dy. Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No.224, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi with 36 spares.
2. FA&CAOs, All Indian Railways.
3. Principal Director of Audit, All Indian Railways.

DA: 36 spares for
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for Financial Commissioner/Railways.

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