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Government Notifications

THE RAILWAYS ORDINANCE

RULES made by the Minister of Transport by virtue of the powers vested in him by Section 03 and 04 of the Railways Ordinance (Chapter 200) with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance.

Dr. BANDULA GUNAWARDANA,
Minister of Transport and Highways.

At the Ministry of Transport and Highways.
On 16th January 2024,

Rules

The rules for the conveyance of parcels, H, C and D, goods, livestock and fares published in the Supplement to *Gazette* No. 7514 dated 26th of February 1926, amended from time to time are amended as follows with effect from 1st of February 2024.



Conveyance of Parcels

Rule 34(d)

Cloakroom Charges:

In Rule 34(d), delete Rs. 15.00 and substitute it with Rs. 50.00.

If the receiver did not collect the parcel within 48 hours from the time from which the railway station received the parcel, cloakroom charges should be calculated for the remaining days until the day in which the receiver collects the parcel.

Rule 34(g)

Parcel Charges;

In Rule 34(g), delete the existing parcel fare chart and substitute it with the following new parcel fare chart.

34(g)

Normal Parcel Fare Chart

Calculate the charges according to the chart by rounding distance to the highest Km and weight to the highest Kg.

Distance (Km)	Weight										
	1 kg	2-5 kg	6-10 kg	11-15 kg	16-20 kg	21-25 kg	26-30 kg	31-35 kg	36-40 kg	41-45 kg	46-50 kg
0-25	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
25-40	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00
40-55	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
55-70	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
70-85	150.00	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00
85-100	150.00	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	190.00
100-115	150.00	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00
115-130	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	210.00
130-145	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	230.00	230.00
145-160	150.00	150.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	230.00	230.00	250.00
160-175	150.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	230.00	230.00	250.00	250.00
175-190	150.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	210.00	230.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	270.00
190-205	150.00	170.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	270.00	290.00
205-220	150.00	170.00	190.00	190.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	250.00	270.00	290.00	310.00
220-235	150.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	290.00	310.00	310.00
235-250	150.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	270.00	290.00	310.00	330.00
250-265	150.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	290.00	310.00	330.00	350.00
265-280	150.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	310.00	330.00	350.00	370.00
280-295	150.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	250.00	270.00	290.00	310.00	330.00	350.00	370.00
295-310	150.00	170.00	190.00	230.00	250.00	270.00	290.00	330.00	350.00	370.00	390.00
310-325	150.00	170.00	210.00	230.00	250.00	290.00	310.00	330.00	350.00	390.00	410.00
325-340	150.00	170.00	210.00	230.00	270.00	290.00	310.00	350.00	370.00	410.00	430.00
340-355	150.00	170.00	210.00	230.00	270.00	290.00	330.00	350.00	390.00	410.00	450.00
355-370	150.00	190.00	210.00	250.00	270.00	310.00	350.00	370.00	410.00	430.00	470.00
370-385	150.00	190.00	210.00	250.00	290.00	310.00	350.00	390.00	410.00	450.00	490.00
385-400	150.00	190.00	230.00	250.00	290.00	330.00	370.00	390.00	430.00	470.00	510.00
400-415	150.00	190.00	230.00	270.00	290.00	330.00	370.00	410.00	450.00	490.00	530.00
415-430	150.00	190.00	230.00	270.00	310.00	350.00	390.00	430.00	470.00	510.00	550.00
430-445	150.00	190.00	230.00	270.00	310.00	350.00	390.00	430.00	470.00	530.00	570.00

<i>Distance (Km)</i>	<i>Weight</i>										
	<i>1 kg</i>	<i>2-5 kg</i>	<i>6-10 kg</i>	<i>11-15 kg</i>	<i>16-20 kg</i>	<i>21-25 kg</i>	<i>26-30 kg</i>	<i>31-35 kg</i>	<i>36-40 kg</i>	<i>41-45 kg</i>	<i>46-50 kg</i>
445-460	150.00	190.00	230.00	270.00	330.00	370.00	410.00	450.00	490.00	530.00	590.00
460-475	150.00	190.00	230.00	290.00	330.00	370.00	410.00	470.00	510.00	550.00	590.00
475-490	150.00	190.00	250.00	290.00	330.00	390.00	430.00	470.00	530.00	570.00	610.00
490-505	150.00	190.00	250.00	290.00	350.00	390.00	450.00	490.00	530.00	590.00	630.00
505-520	170.00	210.00	250.00	310.00	350.00	410.00	450.00	510.00	550.00	610.00	650.00
520-535	170.00	210.00	250.00	310.00	350.00	410.00	470.00	510.00	570.00	630.00	670.00
535-550	170.00	210.00	250.00	310.00	370.00	430.00	470.00	530.00	590.00	630.00	690.00
550-565	170.00	210.00	270.00	310.00	370.00	430.00	490.00	550.00	590.00	650.00	710.00
565-580	170.00	210.00	270.00	330.00	390.00	450.00	490.00	550.00	610.00	670.00	730.00
580-595	170.00	210.00	270.00	330.00	390.00	450.00	510.00	570.00	630.00	690.00	750.00
595-610	170.00	210.00	270.00	330.00	390.00	450.00	530.00	590.00	650.00	710.00	770.00

- i Normal Parcel fare chart has been calculated according to the following chart considering Rs. 140.00 as the fixed fare for the conveyance of a parcel except in instances where special fares have been announced.

Fare for the conveyance of 1 Kg to 1 Km

<i>Distance (Km)</i>	<i>Fare</i>
0-100	0.01 Cents
Over 100 - 300	0.02 Cents
Over 300	0.025 Cents

- ii In addition to the following parcels, for every parcel over the value of Rs. 10,000.00, a 0.5% of the value should be charged.

Lottery tickets/ Medicines/ Tyres/ Glass/ Electrical and Electronic appliances

<i>Value of the Parcel</i>	<i>Percentage of the Value</i>
Up to Rs. 1000.00	No
From Rs. 1000.00 to Rs.5000.00	1.5%
From Rs.5,000.00 to Rs. 10,000.00	2.25%
From Rs. 10,000.00 to Rs.20,000	3%
Over Rs.20,000	4.5%

- iii In accepting goods costing over Rs. 1000.00 for conveyance, it is compulsory that the sender should submit a declaration to certify the value of the goods. Even a copy of a bill can be submitted together with the declaration. Accordingly, the value and the capacity should be indicated in the latter part of the waybill issued by the Railway Station, which sends the parcel. In the case where the sender is not producing the true value of the parcel, the sender should be informed to produce the true value and if the sender is reluctant to fulfill the said request, the owner will not be reimbursed the value of loss, damage and delay.
- iv Normal parcel fare means the parcel fare calculated according to the 34(g) chart.
- v In instances where the owner carry fish in special authorized trains, a fare above 50% should be charged separately on weight for each basket of fish in addition to the normal fare.

- vi In instances where the following types of parcels or parcels requiring more space in wagon and normal parcels are transported by Ordinary, Mail, Express and Intercity Trains, fares should be charged as follows:

	<i>Ordinary Trains</i>	<i>Mail and Express Trains</i>	<i>Intercity Trains</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Furniture transported as small lots and parcels requiring more space in train compartments and wagons or parcels that are difficult to handle Examples - Chicks in ventilated boxes, empty coffins, tyres, baskets, cushion mattress, ropes, pillows, rigifoam boxes, empty plastic baskets, box file cases,....., motor bicycle spare parts, roofing sheets, furniture such as sofa chairs, X-ray cards, clinical items such as cotton, gauze, gloves, syringes and masks, notice boards Refrigerators, Washing machines, Televisions and Computers. 	Two times of the normal parcel fare should be charged. (Fare in 34 (g) chart)	Three times of the normal parcel fare should be charged. (Fare in 34 (g) chart)	Four times of the normal parcel fare should be charged. (Fare in 34 (g) chart)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the other parcels which do not come under the above category 	Normal parcel fare should be charged. (Fare in 34 (g) chart)	Two times of the normal parcel fare should be charged. (Fare in 34 (g) chart)	2 ^{1/2} times of the normal parcel fare should be charged. (Fare in 34 (g) chart)

- vii Transportation of human organs and eyes - free of charge
Human eyes should be transported free of charge under service waybills considering it a special humanitarian service from the Department.
- viii. Parcels carried by the owners
Parcels to which the permission is granted to be carried by the owner should not weigh more than 25Kg and it should not be a hindrance to other passengers. Instructions provided on charges for parcels should be strictly followed and the Department shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to the parcel. Two times of the fare calculated according to parcel classification and train classification should be charged for parcels carried by the owners as provided in Rule 34 (g) vi.
- ix. Fares to be charged in the case where goods are transported by the ordinary train are given under Rule 46, Rule 54, Rule 55 and Rule 56 and fares should be charged as per the train classification provided in Rule 34(g)vi when transporting goods in Mail, Express and Intercity Trains.
- x. In the case where goods handed over for conveyance in bulks at once weigh more than 500Kg or it exceeds the one fourth space of a BCGS wagon, the said goods must be transported under the charges for conveyance by wagons.

Rule 37 -

Letters

In Rule 37, delete Rs.30.00 and substitute it with Rs. 50.00.

Rule 46 -

Spotted Deer, Pigs, Calves, Sheep and Goats

In Rule 46, delete the charge Rs. 2.00 per Km per animal and substitute it with Rs. 5.00 However, the minimum charge should be Rs. 500.00 per animal.

Rule 51 -

Motor Vehicles

In Rule 51 (a), delete existing charges for motor vehicles and machineries including motor vehicles and two-wheeled tractors and substitute them with the proposed charges.

	<i>Below Rambukkana Rs.C. Per km</i>	<i>Above Rambukkana Rs. C. Per km</i>
For normal truck	320.00	400.00
For bogie truck	320.00	400.00

In calculating the charges using this fare chart, charge the minimum fare for 100 Km.

In Rule 51(b), delete the existing charges for conveyance of motor bicycles and two-wheeled tractors in guard's van and substitute them with the proposed charges.

	<i>Fare for 1 Km Rs.C.</i>	<i>Minimum Fare Rs.C.</i>
Each motor cycle	9.00	1000.00
Each motor scooter	10.00	1000.00
Each motor cycle with side car	11.00	1000.00
Each two-wheeled tractor	12.00	1500.00

- i When transporting motor bicycles in train, the registered owner of the motor bicycle himself should submit the documents; Registration Certificate, Revenue License, National Identity Card and Insurance Card. In the case where the registered owner is not handing over the motor bicycle for conveyance, a letter from the registered owner with his/her consent to transport and a photocopy of the sender's National Identity Card should be submitted along with said documents.
- ii If the registration of the motor bicycle is under some other institution, a letter from the said institution authorizing the conveyance should be submitted in addition to aforesaid documents.
- iii When transporting 48CC motor bicycles, a Grama Niladhari Certificate or an affidavit should be submitted to confirm the ownership.
- iv Duplicates of the documents mentioned above in i, ii and iii should be submitted and it should be with the Station Master for examination, if required.

Rule 54 - Dogs transported in Locker

In Rule 54, delete Rs. 3.00 per 1 Km and substitute it with Rs. 6.00. Delete the minimum charge of Rs. 150.00 and substitute it with Rs. 500.00.

Rule 55 - Bicycles

- i In Rule 55, delete the charge Rs. 3.00 per 1 Km and substitute it with Rs. 7.00 Delete the minimum charge of Rs. 150.00 and substitute it with Rs.500.00.
- ii When transporting bicycles in the train, the owner should submit the Registration Certificate of the bicycle in the resident area (Pradeshiya Sabha/ Urban Council/ Municipal Council) and a photocopy of the National Identity Card of the owner. When transporting a newly-bought bicycle, photocopies of the receipt of the purchase and sender's National Identity Card should be submitted.
- iii Duplicates of the documents mentioned above in ii should be submitted and it should be with the Station Master for examination, if required.

Rule 56 - Chairs for the disabled, barrel on wheels and piano organ, tricycles and jinrickshaws, refrigerators
i. In Rule 56, the fare per 1 Km that should be charged for transporting barrel on wheels and piano organ, tricycles and jinrickshaws, refrigerators is Rs. 7.00. Delete existing minimum fare of Rs. 375.00 and substitute it with Rs. 500.00.

ii. When transporting more than one chair for the disabled and tricycles, a fare of Rs. 5.00 per 1Km should be charged for one chair or a tricycle. The minimum fare for one item is Rs. 1000.00.

Rule 57 - When sending a single chair for the disabled for any railway station, a fare of Rs. 250.00 is included.

Rule 60(f) - Cloakroom Charges for Bicycles etc.

In Rule 60(f),

i. Delete Rs. 25.00 and substitute it with Rs. 50.00. - Cloakroom charges for bicycles.

ii. Delete Rs. 50.00 and substitute it with Rs. 100.00. - Cloakroom charges for motor bicycles.

iii. Delete Rs. 80.00 and substitute it with Rs. 100.00. - Cloakroom charges for items which come under Rule 56.

Rule 61 - Left Luggage

In Rule 61 (a) under the registration charges, delete Rs. 20.00 and substitute it with Rs. 150.00.

In this Rule, delete Rs. 15.00 (places where it is mentioned) and substitute it with Rs. 30.00.

In Rule 61 (i) under the charges for locker, delete the existing Rs. 30.00 and charge fares per day or a part thereof as follows:

For small lockers - Rs. 150.00

For medium size lockers - Rs. 200.00

For large size lockers - Rs. 250.00

Delete Rs. 300.00, the charge for loss of keys and substitute it with Rs. 500.00.

Rule 62 - Unclaimed or lost articles found

In Rule 62(b), the minimum charge should be amended as Rs. 250.00.

Rule 13(a) - Conveyance of Mails

The following conveyance charges will change subject to the fluctuation rates when there will be an increase or decrease of Rs. 40.00 in diesel prices.

Under the existing diesel price, which is Rs. 306.00, the conveyance charges are as follows:

	<i>Below Rambukkana Rs. Per km</i>	<i>Above Rambukkana Rs. Per km</i>
Travelling post van	140.00	180.00
Half brake van	90.00	160.00
Mails with guard	80.00	100.00
Bogie covered goods wagon	100.00	160.00
Four-wheeled wagon	80.00	120.00

Rule 10 - Conveyance of Goods

The charges for conveyance should be revised in line with the fuel price fluctuations. Accordingly, following revised charges should be made for 1st class and 2nd class including the charges for shunting and the charges for return empties.

Rule 10(a)(i) - Conveyance of Goods

The following conveyance charges will change subject to the fluctuation rates when there will be an increase or a decrease of Rs. 40.00 in diesel prices.

Conveyance charges that should be levied subject to existing diesel price of Rs. 306.00 are as follows:

	MT/per km	
	Below Rambukkana Rs. C.	Above Rambukkana Rs. C.
1st class	6.50	8.00
2nd class	9.50	10.50

The conveyance charge indicated in line with diesel price effective from 01.08.2023 for conveyance of goods under mercantile bills and conveyance of contracted goods should be applied.

Rule 11(a)(ii) - Minimum distance for conveyance of petroleum products

As mentioned in Rule 11(a), the minimum distance on conveyance of goods will remain as 100Km and the distance between Kolonnawa/Katunayake will be considered only when charges for conveyance of petroleum products of airplanes flying to Katunayake are prepared. These changes are applicable from the effective date of the *Gazette* No. 2287/25 dated 07th June 2022.

Rule 10(a)(ii) - In calculating the charges using this fare chart for conveyance to various Railway Stations, the charges for each of the fuel tank should be rounded to the nearest highest Rs. 10.00 and this is applicable from the effective date of the *Gazette* No. 2287/25 dated 07th June 2022.

Rule 11 - Minimum and Fractional Charges

- i. Rs. 3,000.00 for a four-wheeled wagon with the loading capacity not exceeding 13.20 MT.
- ii. Rs. 4,000.00 for an eight - wheeled wagon with the loading capacity not exceeding 26.40 MT.
- iii. Rs. 5,000.00 for an eight - wheeled wagon with the loading capacity exceeding 26.40 MT but not exceeding 39.60 MT.
- iv. Rs. 6,000.00 for an eight - wheeled wagon with the loading capacity exceeding 39.60 MT.

Rule 23 - Demurrage on Wagons

Delete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) under Rule 23 and substitute them with paragraphs below.

Rule 23(a) -

The loading of wagons at all the Railway Stations should be completed within a day *i.e.* within eight working hours from the time on which they are supplied. Any consignor who orders a wagon and fails to load within the prescribed time or any consignor who fails to furnish the consignment notes even if he completed the loading is liable to a demurrage and the demurrage of Rs. 2,500.00 per four-wheeled or eight-wheeled wagon per day *i.e.* per eight working hours will remain unchanged. However, a demurrage of Rs. 350.00 should be paid per working hour or part thereof.

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