GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA) (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2015/TG-III/631/4

New Delhi, Dated: y .08.2019

The Principal Chief Commercial Managers, All Indian Railways.

The CMD, IRCTC, New Delhi.

The MD, CRIS, New Delhi.

Sub: Provision of optional catering on all pre-paid trains like Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto /Tejas/Gatiman/Vande Bharat Trains.

Ref: Board's letters of even no. dated 26/07/2017, 28/07/2017, 29/11/2017, 13/03/2018, 10/08/2018 & 12.04/2019

In continuation of Board's letters referred above, Board has been decided that the scheme of Optional Catering Service shall be implemented on all pre-paid Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Tejas, Gatiman, Vande Bharat, type trains on permanent basis. Thus, the following is advised:

- (i) The scheme of optional catering service presently under implementation on already notified pre-paid trains shall be continued on permanent basis beyond 31.07.2019.
- (ii) For the remaining pre-paid trains, this scheme shall be made available on permanent basis w.e.f. 01/09/2019. The concerned Zonal Railways shall advise the list of remaining pre-paid train to CRIS and IRCTC for necessary action.
- (iii) For implementation of Optional Catering Services on trains with running contracts (SBD trains), IRCTC shall take necessary action as per the terms and conditions of contracts.
- (iv) All other instructions issued in this regard will remain unchanged.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(Philip Varghese) Director (T&C) Railway Board

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New Delhi, Dated: 4.08.2018

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For Financial Commissioner/Railway Board

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(ii) CMD/ KRCL, Belapur Bhawan, Navi Mumbai, for information