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The Orissa Ministers' (Free Travel by Railway) Rules, 1976 Published vide Notification No. 16401-Gen., Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 1438/1-9-1976 Notification No. 16401-Gen., dated 1st September, 1976. - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 10 read with Section 8-A of the Orissa Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Act, 1952 (Orissa Act 20 of 1952), the State Government do hereby make the following rules, namely :

#### **1. Short title and commencement.**

(1) These rules may be called the Orissa Ministers' (Free Travel by Railway) Rules, 1976. (2) They shall come into force at once.

#### **2. Definitions.**

- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-(a) "Act" means the Orissa Ministers' Salaries and Allowances, Act, 1952; (b) "coupon book" means a rail travel coupon book issued to a Minister under these rules; (c) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Orissa Legislative Assembly and shall include any other officer authorised by him for the purposes of these rules; (d) "Identity card" means the identity card issued by the Orissa Legislative Assembly Secretariat to the Minister for the term of his office with the photo of such Minister affixed thereto; (e) all other words and expressions used in these rules but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as have been respectively assigned to them under the Act.

### **3. Ministers to be provided with coupon books.**

- Subject to the provisions of these rules, every Minister shall be provided by the Secretary with coupon books which shall entitle him to travel by first class at any time by any railway in any part of India up to a maximum limit of six thousand kilometres a year.

### **4. Requisition for supply of coupon books.**

(1)The Secretary shall, whenever necessary, make a requisition on the General Manager, South-Eastern Railway, Calcutta for the supply of coupon books for use by the Minister, under and in accordance with these rules.(2)On receipt of such requisition, the General Manager, South Eastern Railway, Calcutta shall supply the Secretary, First Class coupon books which can be used by the Minister for travel on any railway within India and raise the necessary debit against the State Government of Orissa.

### **5. Distance for which rail travel coupon books will be available.**

(1)Rail travel coupons shall be available in books, each for an aggregate distance of 3,000 Kms. as shown below :

(i)	20 coupons of 50 Kms. each	1,000
(ii)	40 coupons of 25 Kms. each	1,000
(iii)	50 coupons of 10 Kms. each	500
(iv)	80 coupons of 5 Kms. each	400
(v)	100 coupons of 1 Km. each	100
	Total:	3,000

(2)Each coupon book shall be numbered with the book number, and each coupon therein shall be numbered with the book number and coupon number, in serial order.

### **6. Price of coupon books.**

- The price of each coupon book shall be such as may be notified by the Railway Administration from time to time.

### **7. Certificate on coupon books.**

- Every coupon book shall contain the following certificate affixed by the Secretary, namely : "I hereby certify that Shri/Shrimati.....is the Minister of Orissa and tickets may be issued in exchange of the rail travel coupons for journeys to be undertaken by him/her within India." Seal :Secretary,Orissa Legislative Assembly"

## **8. Things required to be done before issue of coupon books.**

(1)The name of the Minister to whom a coupon book is issued shall be filled in by the Secretary before it is issued to him.(2)The Secretary shall get the following declaration (which shall be printed on cover page of every such book) duly signed by the Minister before any such coupon book is issued, namely : "I, Shri/Shrimati..... hereby declare that the concession will be availed by me for journeys undertaken within India as admissible to me under Section 8-A of the Orissa Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Act, 1952 and the rules framed thereunder. Signature of the Minister"

## **9. Number of coupon books to be used at a time and their availability.**

(1)At no time shall coupon books be issued entitling a Minister to travel for more than three thousand kilometres and no fresh coupon books shall be so issued to any Minister unless he furnishes to the Secretary an account of the used coupons in the Form appended to these rules and unless the Secretary is satisfied that the coupon books previously issued to such Minister have been used by him, or returned by him to the Secretary on or before the last day of the period of validity.(2)Where the unused coupons are not returned by the Minister before the expiry of the period of validity, the cost thereof shall be recoverable from the Secretary.(3)The coupon book shall be available for use only by the Minister whose name is specified therein.(4)The coupons issued under these rules shall be valid for one year as reckoned from 1st June to 31st May each year or for such lesser period as may fall between 1st June to 31st May.

## **10. Coupon books and coupons not transferable.**

(1)The coupon books issued under these rules and the coupons therein shall be non-transferable and shall be used only for journeys by the person in whose favour they are issued.(2)In the event of any person ceasing to be a Minister the coupon book shall be returned to the Secretary.

## **11. Method of purchasing tickets with coupons.**

(1)Any Minister desiring to undertake a journey shall present the coupon book to the Booking Clerk without detaching any coupon therefrom. Coupons detached from a coupon book shall not be presented in any circumstances and the Booking Clerk shall not accept any such coupons.(2)The Booking Clerk shall personally remove from the coupon book the number of coupons necessary for the journey. Before removing the coupons, the Booking Clerk may ask the holder of the coupon book to show his identity card and to write his signature on a piece of paper for the purpose of comparing it with the signature in the coupon book. Where coupons, in excess of those actually required, are detached from the coupon book by the Booking Clerk a suitable remark such as "Wrongly detached" shall be made by the Booking Clerk on the back of the detached coupons and the loose coupons with the remark so made shall be accepted when presented for the issue of a ticket ; provided the coupon book from which the coupons have been detached, is produced.(3)In exchange for the coupon or coupons, the Booking Clerk shall issue a single journey ticket, as may be required, after scoring out the fare printed thereon and writing on the reverse of the ticket in red ink the words "R.T. Coupons

for Ministers only".Explanation - If rail travel coupons from two different coupon books issued in favour of the same person are presented for issue of tickets, they shall, subject to the provisions of this rule, be accepted by the Booking Clerk.

## **12. Identity of person.**

- A Minister when travelling with the ticket issued to him under Rule 11 shall keep with him his identity card containing his photograph duly attested by the Secretary and produce the same when demanded by the railway authorities.

## **13. Availability of a ticket issued on rail travel coupons.**

- The period of validity of a ticket shall, having regard to the date on which it is issued, be the same as for ordinary tickets.

## **14. Pilgrim and terminal taxes.**

- When issuing a ticket in exchange for a rail travel coupon for journeys to and from stations at which pilgrim or terminal taxes are leviable, the pilgrim or terminal tax shall be collected in cash from the person presenting the coupon. The amount of tax so collected shall be entered on the face of the ticket.

## **15. Luggage.**

- A Minister shall be entitled to carry such luggage free of charge as is permissible on first class ordinary tickets, and he shall pay in cash for the excess luggage, if any, at the luggage rate prescribed by the Railway Administration concerned.

## **16. Unexchanged coupons.**

- Any Minister, who is found travelling on unexchanged rail travel coupon, shall be considered as travelling without a ticket, and shall be liable to the prescribed penalties. In such cases, the fares and excess charge shall be paid by such Minister in cash.

## **17. Use of coupons.**

- No rail travel coupons shall be used for any purpose except for the purpose of exchanging them for passenger tickets at the booking office of the railway concerned for journeys within India and the coupons shall not in any circumstances be accepted by the Railway Administration towards payment of any other charges, such as luggage charges.

## **18. Confiscation of coupons.**

- The Railway Administration may confiscate a coupon book on proof that the conditions on which it has been issued have not been observed. Before doing so, it should refer the matter to the Secretary and obtain his approval for such confiscation. On such confiscation, the value of the coupon books shall be refunded to the Secretary.

## **19. Refund admissible on unused coupons.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of Rule 18, no refund shall be allowed on any unused coupons, unless they are returned to the Railway Administration by the Secretary within 20 days after the period of their availability. On unused coupons, the value of which should be calculated on proportionate cost basis, refund shall be allowed after deducting 10 per cent of the amount refundable. (2) Subject to the Railway Rules, refunds shall be admissible on unused or partially used ticket on its presentation to the Railway Administration as indicated below :  
Unused tickets - Proportionate cost of the coupons for the total distance of unused tickets or the actual First Class fare as printed on the ticket whichever is less. The refundable amount thus calculated will be further subject to the usual cancellation charges as applicable under the existing rules.  
Partially used tickets - The proportionate charges for the number of kilometre coupons (i.e., for the distance not travelled) subject to deducting a minimum of the full First Class fare for the distance actually travelled. The refundable amount thus worked out will be further subject to a deduction of the usual cancellation charges applicable under the extant rules viz., 10%, in case of tickets on which reservation has not been made and 25% of the refundable amount where reservation had been made. Refunds on the above basis shall be allowed only to the State Government concerned and not to individual members.

## **20. Rules 10 to 19 to be printed on coupon books.**

- Each coupon book shall be printed thereon in extenso the provisions or Rules 10 to 19 both inclusive. Form [See Rule 9]

Date of journey    From Station    Distance in Kilometres

(1)                      (2)      (3)      (4)

Date.....Signature of the Minister