

# PREFERENTIAL TRAFFIC ORDER(PTO)

- Section 70: No undue preference should be given to any individual or commodity in allotment of wagons
- Section 71(1)(a): Central Government has powers to give preference for certain commodities in the interest of the Nation
- Railway Administration shall give priority / preference mentioned in the order
- PTO is current or valid for one year, can be extended from time to time

# Priorities

A-Military traffic

B-Relief Material, Food grains, Levy sugar for  
PDS

C-Programmed traffic- Coal & Iron ore  
(C+, C & C-)

Programmed traffic other than Coal & Iron  
ore traffic

i.e. Non refined Edible salt, Common  
salt, Fertilizer, POL

D- All traffic not included in Priority A to C

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Traffic offered in Block Rake is given preference over traffic in piece meal.
  - Preference of Block rake Traffic within same class:
    - Traffic covered by contractual obligation and/or guaranteed under any specific scheme or in agreement entered into by IR.
    - Traffic in rakes loaded from a Siding / Goods Shed of the station having round the clock working
    - Traffic from a siding having mechanized system of loading
- Traffic offered for more than 600 kms will be given preference over short distance traffic.
- Traffic offered in single point block rakes over two point / multi point block rakes and mini rakes.

# **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- PCOM shall notify **two days (Wednesday & Saturday)** in a week for allotment of Rakes as per the date of Registration irrespective of the class of priority
  - **Monday and Friday** are nominated two days for according high priority to the traffic covered under **Premium Indent**
  - Any traffic can be accorded preferential loading under a higher priority under special orders issued by the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)/Zonal Railways
  - **Currency of the order**
- This Preferential Traffic Order General Order no.99 is in force from 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026