

S.N.1 (Receipt)

PUC is a note received from DTC/G regarding MR Dashboard item for issuing Medical Cards on the Licensed Porters on the lines of Railway staff with all facilities including outdoor and indoor patient treatment excluding system of referral to private hospitals.

In the note it has brought out that there are nearly 20,000 Licensed Porters (Sahayaks) engaged on Indian Railways and after adding the numbers of their family member total numbers comes 1,00,000 that are to be issued Medical Cards to provide Railway medical facilities.

It has been requested to examine the issue and ascertain the financial and other implications involved in the proposal.

The subject matter with present position and Health Directorate's remarks thereon is placed below on the file for approval please.

(Signature)
SO/H&FW
14.02.2019

JD-II/Health

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It will be more appropriate to know the distribution of these nearly 20,000 Licensed Porters on Indian Railways, to comprehend the load distribution into our present infrastructure. Commercial site is required to please provide the distribution of these 20,000 warred port on Indian Railway

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Railway Medical facilities to Licensed Porters and their family members

Letter under consideration	Present Position	Health Directorate's remarks
<p>To examine the issue and ascertain the financial and other implications involved in issuing Medical Cards to 1,00,000 Licensed Porters & their family members on the lines of Railway staff with all facilities including outdoor and indoor patient treatment excluding system of referral to private hospitals (S.N.1).</p>	<p>There is following provision in para 618 of IRMM-2000 regarding medical facilities for Licensed Porters (S.N.2):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensed porters are eligible for free outdoor medical treatment for self, wife and dependent children only at Railway hospitals and health units. However, charges are levied for all laboratory, X-ray examination and other investigations. 2. Free medical attendance and treatment facilities as indoor patient (excluding diet) will be available in Railway hospitals only when the licensed porters sustain grievous injuries while carrying passengers' luggage. This will be certified by the Station Master/Station Superintendent concerned that the party was hurt while working as a licensed porter in the Railway premises and as also about his identity. A free Railway Pass may be issued to cover his journey to the line doctor/hospital/health unit where necessary. 	<p>Indian Railways has a Health infrastructure i.e. 125 Railway hospitals and 586 Health Units to cater the medical needs of about 65 lakh Railway beneficiaries. By entering into a MoU with National Health Agency, Railway hospitals have also been opened for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojna (AB PM - JAY) which will also result into extra burden on the existing Railway health infrastructure.</p> <p>The financial impact to provide Railway medical facilities to 1,00,000 Licensed Porters and their family members after taking into account Per Capita Charges i.e. Rs. 12,924/- p.a. (calculated for the financial year 2017-18) (S.N.3) will be Rs. 1,29,24,00,000/- (1,00,000 x 12,924).</p>
