

**Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)**

No.2020-B-200/SL

New Delhi, dated 22.04.2020.

**General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.**

**Sub: - Revised Spending Limits under Ordinary Working Expenses (OWE)
2020-21.**

Kindly refer to Board's letter of even no. dated 28.03.2020 vide which Spending Limits under OWE for 2020-21 were communicated. Ongoing nation-wide lockdown and its adverse impact on railway operations is bound to adversely impact the revenue prospects of Railways in the current year. Impact of Covid 19 is likely to continue for some more time and subsequent recovery also will be gradual.

2. The Traffic Directorate has already reviewed the possible scenario of passenger/freight operations in the current year and has projected significant reduction in PKMs & NTKMs. Under this situation IR will face a serious challenge to manage its expenditure.

3. In view of the above, Board (FC & CRB) has decided to further reduce the Spending Limits of the Railways under OWE. The revised SL under each zonal Railways are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Railway	Revised SL	Railway	Revised SL
CR	12268	ECR	9559
ER	9990	ECoR	7888
NR	16198	NCR	8440
NER	4893	NWR	6186
NFR	6608	SECR	6291
SR	9638	SWR	4801
SCR	11576	WCR	6945
SER	8444	MR	456*
WR	10703	Total	140883

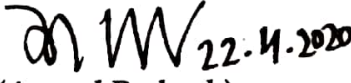
**Include Rs.13.54 cr for payment of spectrum charges to WPC, DoT- under SMH05-SH710-PU99.*

Further details of the revised SL are available at Budget Modules of IPAS.

4. The reserve is not available with the Railway and release of reserve funds there from will be permitted only by the Board appropriately during the year.

5. The Railway's powers to re-appropriate funds from one Sub-major head to another and from one PU to another even in the same Sub-major head are restricted except for PUs 27, 28 and 32, where the Railways may carry out re-appropriation suitably within the same Sub-major head in view of COVID-19 & safety related urgency. All other cases of re-appropriations, if necessary, may be submitted to Board for consideration & approval.

6. The Railway may regulate the progress of expenditure accordingly. The Budget Proportions may be prepared on the revised Spending Limits so arrived at.


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DA: as above.

Copy to : PFAs/All Zonal Railways for necessary action please.