

Luggage Rules





Railways (Luggage) Rules

Chapter I: Procedure and conditions for booking luggage

501. Conditions for luggage to be accepted for booking and carriage by rail.-

- (1) The luggage must be securely packed unless the sender or his authorised agent executes a Forwarding Note which records any defects and improper packing.
- (2) The luggage must have a label or tag that is securely affixed or attached to it, which has complete and legible information (written in English or Hindi).
- (3) If the luggage is to be carried on the same train as the owner, then it must be presented at the luggage office of the booking station at least 30 minutes before the advertised departure time of that train.
- (4) In case a passenger books accommodation in advance under Rule 209.2, luggage can also be booked in advance at the same time.

N.F. (D.H.) Any piece of luggage which exceeds 75 kilograms in weight or 1.22 m x 0.91 m x 0.60 m in measurement, must be booked for dispatch 24 hours before the advertised departure time of that train.

502. Articles not accepted as luggage.-

(1) The following articles cannot be booked or carried as luggage, subject to Rule 502(2).

- (a) Offensive articles, such as wet skins, hides, etc., except skins of wild animals that are securely packed in air-tight boxes and carried at the owner's risk.
- (b) Explosives, dangerous and inflammable articles, except safety base cinematograph films which can be booked as luggage, and safety cartridges which can be carried as part of personal luggage.
- (c) Empty gas-cylinders, except for carriage in brakevan.
- (d) Substances like oil, grease, ghee, paint, etc., which, if carried in a package, might damage other articles by contact, breakage or leakage.
- (e) Any variety of dry grass, dry leaves, and waste paper.
- (f) Dead poultry and game.
- (g) Acids and other corrosive substances mentioned in Chapter VIII of the IRCA Red Tariff.

(2) The following articles may be carried as luggage in the manner provided below:

- (a) Ghee may be permitted to be carried as luggage with the owner even when not packed in accordance with Rule 203 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol III) if the total quantity does not exceed 20 kg per passenger, irrespective of the class of ticket. However, to book ghee in brakevan, it must be packed in accordance with Rule 203 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol III).



- (b) One musical instrument, one portable television set and one tricycle of children per passenger may be allowed as personal luggage and free allowance will be granted for these items in accordance with the following:
- (i) The weight of the musical instrument will be determined by actual weighment.
 - (ii) The weight of the portable television set will be determined by measurement or by actual weighment, and the greater of the two will determine free allowance.
 - (iii) The weight of the children's tricycle children will be as per Rule 501 of I.R.C.A. Coaching Tariff No. 25, part I (Vol. III).
- (c) Statues in different stones may be allowed to be carried in the passenger compartment with the owner as personal luggage on payment of the usual charges for such carriage without any free allowance. The size of one such packed article should not exceed 26" × 15" × 12" and the weight should not exceed 50 kg.
- (d) Defence corers may be permitted for booking and carriage as classified luggage inside the First AC compartment subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The maximum limit will be 140 kg and 280 kg in a two berth coupe and four berth coupe respectively of First AC compartment.
 - (ii) A package in excess of 70 kg will be charged at normal tariff rate and allowed to be carried in the compartment as an accompanied luggage provided it is certified that they contain classified documents.
 - (iii) A package should not exceed 100 kg in weight and 100 cm x 100 cm x 70 cm in outside measurements.
- (e) Bulky articles of any description chargeable on measurement will be accepted as luggage and no free allowance of luggage will be given on such bulky articles.

503. Dispatch of luggage by any particular train is not guaranteed.-

While every effort will be made to dispatch luggage by the same train as the owner, there is no guarantee that the luggage will be dispatched in the same train or delivered within a definite time period by the railway administration.

504. Free allowance on Luggage.

- (1) All luggage must be weighed and booked at the journey commencement station, on the basis of which charge for carriage of luggage will be levied. This does not apply to the following categories of luggage:
 - (a) Luggage that is being carried in full wagon load as per Rule 516.
 - (b) For Air-Conditioned First Class and First Class tickets, the following items will not be weighed: Tiffin baskets including small ice boxes, small hand



bags or attached cases (not including suitcases), walking sticks, and umbrellas.

- (c) For Second Class tickets, the following items will not be weighed: walking sticks, umbrellas, and other articles of food which may be required on the journey.

(2) The following weight of luggage will be given free allowance for each ticket at the journey commencement station:

- (a) Air-Conditioned First Class: 70 kg
- (b) First Class, AC Sleeper: 50 kg
- (c) AC 3 tier, Air-Conditioned Chair Car, Sleeper Class: 40 kg
- (d) Second class: 35 kg

For a child's (half) ticket, half of these weights will be given free allowance.

(3) In the case of a combined ticket, the free allowance of luggage provided to a passenger will be as per the free allowance that is provided to the higher class.

(4) Luggage with a maximum weight of 150 kg per passenger, for any class, is permitted to be booked in the brakevan. There is no free allowance in the brakevan. In addition to the maximum permissible limit of 150 kg per passenger, one personal motorcycle/two-wheeled scooter/bicycle can also be booked as luggage in the brakevan.

(5) If a passenger is found to be holding more than one ticket, he will still be provided with free allowance, as mentioned in sub-rule (2) above, only on one ticket, and the other ticket or tickets, are to be cancelled. In such a case, any extra weight of the luggage will be charged at 6 times the tariff rate at Scale-L, Scale-R, Scale-P and Scale-S, as applicable, subject to minimum of INR 50.

(6) If a passenger is changing residence on transfer account or otherwise, a special permission for carriage of limits higher than those stated in sub-rule (2), may be granted by the Chief Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager or Area Officer/Supdt./Manager as a special case on a written request being made by the passenger.

(7) Luggage can be booked in the case of monthly or quarterly season tickets. In such cases, free allowance will be given at the journey commencement station on the following weight of the luggage:

- (a) First class: 15 kgs.
- (b) Second class: 10 kgs.



In case of EMU trains, the maximum luggage that can be carried in passengers' compartments is only that quantity on which free allowance is applicable, as provided for different categories of tickets in relation to monthly or quarterly season tickets. However, there is no restriction on the quantity of luggage in excess of free allowance that may be carried in the vendor's compartment or the brakevan.

- (8) A passenger who is a patient and possesses a medical certificate (it is not necessary that such passenger is accompanied by a medical attendant or nurse), an oxygen cylinder with its supporting stand may be permitted to be carried "as luggage in the compartment irrespective of the Class." Free allowance of luggage will be granted on the oxygen cylinder and its supporting stand as per rule 502 (1).
- (9) Assistive aids for persons with locomotor disabilities, such as invalid chairs, children's pushchairs, wheelchairs, perambulators, hand-operated auto tricycles, motorised tri-wheeler, etc., may be carried in the passengers' compartment for free, if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The passenger presents a note by a government doctor to the effect that such passenger has a locomotor disability and cannot travel without the assistive aid;
 - (b) The assistive aid should be foldable and can be accommodated inside the compartment, else they must be carried in the brakevan;

C.R. For the Matheran Hill section of the railways, passengers are allowed to carry only one small handbag, umbrella and a walking stick or similar items free of charge, and any other articles of luggage will be charged. The following free allowance will be provided for each ticket:

- (a) Rail motor: 11.5 kg.
- (b) First class: 7.5 kg.
- (c) Second class: 5 kg.

505. Rates for luggage.-

- (1) The minimum distance for charge of luggage is 50 kilometres applicable on the through distance.
- (2) The minimum charge for luggage will be INR 30.00.
- (3) Passenger luggage, which is booked for conveyance by the same train in which the owner travels or not, will be charged in accordance with the rates specified in IRCA Coaching Tariff 25 Part-III. The charge will be determined "by actual weight or weight derived on volumetric basis, whichever is higher" respectively shown in I.C.A. Coaching Tariff Part III upon the gross weight of the total



number of packages on the through distance with one minimum only, divisible in the ratio of distances over the railways involved.

- (4) If more than one extra charge has to be levied as the percentage of the basic rate, each extra charge will be calculated separately with reference to the basic rate and not on the top of another extra rate.

C.R. Luggage between Neral and via and Matheran is charged separately for 63 kilometres which is duly inflated by 3 times applicable on the through distance.

506. Calculation of charge for luggage.-

The weight of a luggage will be determined as follows:

Actual weight of the luggage	Determined weight
Not exceeding 10 kg	10 kg
Exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 20 kg	20 kg
Exceeding 20 kg but not exceeding 30 kg	30 kg
Exceeding 30 kg but not exceeding 40 kg	40 kg
Exceeding 40 kg but not exceeding 50 kg	50 kg
Exceeding 50 kg but not exceeding 60 kg	60 kg
Exceeding 60 kg but not exceeding 70 kg	70 kg
Exceeding 70 kg but not exceeding 80 kg	80 kg
Exceeding 80 kg but not exceeding 90 kg	90 kg
Exceeding 90 kg but not exceeding 100 kg	Up to 1 quintal

507. Charges for luggage.-

- (1) Bulky surcharge is applicable on the following articles of luggage, and will be levied at double the normal rate.
- If the luggage weighs more than 100 kg;
 - If the luggage measures more than 1m x 1m x 0.7m.
 - If the measurement of any one of the dimensions of any article of luggage specified in Rule 507(1)(b) exceeds by more than 10% even if the weight is less than 100 kg.



- (2) For excess luggage, the following charged may also be applicable:
 - (a) Punitive charges may be levied at six times the tariff rates scale-R only on unbooked excess luggage.
 - (b) Normal charges may be levied on booked luggage which is detected to be excess during the first weighing of the luggage at the originating station.
- (3) Freight on excess luggage must be prepaid.

508. Free storage of luggage.- Luggage booked till destination can be stored at the destination free of charge for the period mentioned in Rule 702 of IRCA coaching Tariff No. 25 Part I (Vol. III) in addition to the journey time of the passenger and time actually involved in break/breaks of journey vide Rule 220. On completion of this time period, the luggage will be transferred to the Cloak Room and charged for at the rate given in Rule 519.

[Vidhi Comment: The luggage rules shared with us were till Rule 518, but there is a reference to subsequent rules (i.e. Rule 519 of the existing rules) under these rules. Request you to please confirm.]

Chapter II: Booking of luggage for different categories of tickets

509. Carrying luggage in air-conditioned and first class compartments.-

- (1) Passengers are requested to carry only small articles of personal luggage in a carriage which are required during the journey and can be placed in the carriage without causing inconvenience to the other passengers or reducing the space available in the compartment for the purpose of sitting, sleeping or moving around.
- (2) If any one dimension of any luggage measures more than 100cm x 60 cm x 25cm, it should be carried in the brakevan and not in the passengers' compartment.
- (3) If a passenger carries the luggage specified in rule 509(2) in the passengers' compartment, it will be charged separately on its full chargeable weight without any free allowances being granted. If it is detected en route and transferred to the brakevan, free allowance will be granted only for the distance in which the luggage was in the brakevan, and for the distance during which the luggage was in the passengers' compartment, no free allowance will be granted and the freight due for the full chargeable weight will be levied.



[Vidhi Comment: A clarification is needed on whether this penalty will be applicable on carriage of excess luggage in the passengers' compartment across classes.]

- (4) If an entire compartment has been booked by a person, then the luggage specified in rule 509(2) can be carried in the carriage, and the above rules will not be applicable.
- (5) Any articles carried in the carriage will be at the owner's risk.

510. Carrying luggage in second class compartments.-

- (1) Passengers are requested to carry only small articles of personal luggage in a carriage which are required during the journey and can be placed in the carriage without causing inconvenience to the other passengers or reducing the space available in the carriage.
- (2) If any one dimension of any luggage measures more than 100cm x 60 cm x 25cm, it should be carried in the brakevan and not in the passengers' compartment.
- (3) Any articles carried in the carriage will be at the owner's risk.
- (4) The railway administration may prescribe the maximum number of articles of luggage that can be carried in the passengers' compartment in specific trains.

[Vidhi Comment: Rule 506.2(2)(3) makes a reference to metro passengers. Accordingly, it has been omitted.]

511. Carrying luggage in AC 3 tier compartments.-

In the AC 3 tier compartments, the maximum size of trunks or suitcases that can be carried is: 55 cm × 45 cm x 22.5 cm (22" x 18" x 9"). Any trunk or suitcase exceeding this size must be booked and carried in the brakevan.

512. Booking of luggage when there are stops during the journey

- (1) Passengers who intend to stop at one or more stations during their journey may either book their luggage to accompany them throughout the complete journey or book the whole luggage or a portion of it directly at the station for which they have taken tickets. Free allowance will only be allowed for luggage booked on the same route that will be taken by the passenger. Luggage booked on any other route will be booked at "Scale-L. Scale-R, Scale-P. Scale-S rates, as applicable" and will not be eligible for free allowance.



- (2) Passengers who intend to break journey and are carrying luggage with them must inform the Luggage Clerk at which station or stations they wish to break their journey so as to ensure that the name of such station(s) may be entered on the back of their luggage tickets.
- (3) Any luggage found in excess of the quantity entered on the luggage ticket issued at the commencement of the journey will be weighed and charged for.
- (4) Passengers breaking their journey are required to have their tickets endorsed. The endorsement shall consist of the station code initials, station master's initials and the date.
- (5) While taking delivery of luggage at a break journey station, the journey ticket should be shown to the station master on duty. The luggage will be handed only if the station master is satisfied that the passenger is in possession of a proper journey ticket and an endorsed luggage ticket. The journey ticket is not required to be surrendered at the break journey station along with the luggage tickets.

Chapter III: Booking of luggage in specific circumstances

513. Unbooked or partially booked luggage.–

(1) The free allowance mentioned in Rule 504 will be applicable to luggage that has been booked at the station where the passenger's ticket is issued to the station for which the ticket is available. Luggage may, however, be booked from any station to any station on the direct route for which a ticket is held. When luggage in excess of the allowance is found to be unbooked or partially booked, at an intermediate station or at destination, the entire quantity of the luggage, excluding the articles mentioned in Rule 504, is to be weighed and the free allowance of luggage specified in Rule 504 will be granted, provided the total weight of the luggage does not exceed the free allowance admissible, by more than the following:-

- Air-conditioned First class: 15 kgs.
- A.C 2-tier sleeper, First class: 10 kgs.
- AC. 3 tier/Air-conditioned chair car class: 10 kgs.
- Sleeper class/Second class 10 kgs.

(2) If the total weight of the unbooked luggage or partially booked luggage exceeds the free allowance specified in Rule 504 by more than the limit specified in Rule 513(1), the weight so exceeding will be charged six times the tariff rate at "Scale-L, Scale-R, Scale-P and Scale-S, as applicable" subject to a minimum of INR 50.



(3) When a passenger is detected either *en-route* or at destination with unbooked or partially booked luggage weighing more than the maximum limit permitted under Rule 504, the excess weight exceeding free allowance of luggage will be charged at luggage "Six times the tariff rate at Scale-L, Scale-R, Scale-P and Scale-S, as applicable" subject to a minimum of INR 50.

(4) Passengers holding single journey tickets and are carrying unbooked or partially booked luggage weighing more than free allowance of luggage but within marginal allowance will be charged for the weight exceeding free allowance of luggage at "Scale-R, Scale-P, Scale-S and Scale-E rates, as applicable subject to a minimum of INR 30.

(5) When a passenger is detected en route with unbooked or partially booked luggage weighing more than the free allowance and such passenger refuses or is unable to pay the due freight charges on demand, the luggage, after must properly packed and fastened be booked to the destination under a 'To-Pay*' parcel way-bill at the nearest station. The receipt must be issued to the passenger and the luggage removed to the brake-van. The charges will be way-billed as from and to the stations between which the passenger's ticket is available and the passenger will be advised to take delivery at the destination on payment of all charges due.

(6) When a passenger is found at the destination station with unbooked or partially booked luggage weighing more than the free allowance and he does not pay the due freight charges on demand, the entire luggage is to be detained and transferred to the cloak-room. A Railway receipt for the detained luggage must be issued to the passenger showing the charges as from and to the station between which the passenger's ticket is available and passenger will be advised to take delivery of the detained luggage after payment of all charges due including cloak-room charges.

(7) A special report should be sent to the destination by the ticket checking staff detecting the unbooked luggage under Rule 513 (5) or (6).

(8) Passenger tickets on which free allowance has been granted on account of luggage booked should have the letters "L", "L.B" written or stamped on the reverse of the ticket as an indication that the benefit of the free allowance has been taken.

(9) The luggage of passengers travelling beyond the station for which they hold tickets when in excess of the free allowance is to be charged be as follows:

(a) When a passenger notifies his intention of overriding beforehand, the difference between the luggage rates, (i) from and to the stations for which the ticket is held; and (ii) from the starting station to the station to which the passenger overrides will be



charged. The usual free allowance mentioned in Rule 504 being granted if the luggage was booked at the starting station subject, however, to the provisions of Rule 513 (1).

(b) When a passenger is found travelling beyond the authorised distance, charges will be levied for the portion overridden separately for the weight exceeding free allowance of luggage at six times the luggage, subject to a minimum of INR 50. If, however, the luggage was not booked at the starting station, charges should be recovered from the starting station to the station to which the passenger overrides, after granting the usual free allowance of luggage, at six times the luggage scale rate subject to a minimum of INR 50. Marginal allowance provided in Rule 513 (1) will be applicable in both the cases.

(c) Luggage cannot be booked over and above the free allowance in EMU trains either on season tickets or single journey tickets. On other than EMU trains, the excess luggage beyond the free allowance can be booked on season tickets in brakevans only. Single journey ticket holders travelling on other than EMU trains will be permitted to carry luggage along with them in the compartments up to the limit stipulated for each class. Passengers found travelling with excess luggage will be dealt with under Rules 514 and 515 of I.R.C.A. Coaching Tariff No. 25, Part I (Vol. I).

514. Booking of luggage containing excepted articles.-

When luggage includes 'excepted articles', as referred to under Second Schedule of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, packed or unpacked, and the value of such article or articles exceeds INR 500, it must be dealt with in accordance with Rule 130 of IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25 part I (Vol. ID). All luggage for which a passenger has paid percentage charge on value as insurance must be carried in charge of the guard.

515. Carriage of a personal computer.-

A passenger is permitted to carry a personal computer (tabletop computer/desktop computer) and its associated peripherals inside the compartment. This is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The monitor and CPU can be carried separately, and the keyboard and the UPS must be carried inside a suitcase.
- (b) A portable TV set cannot be carried alongside a personal computer.
- (c) No claim of loss or damage can be filed for a personal computer.
- (d) No free allowance will be provided for a personal computer.

516. Booking of household effects in vehicle loads.-



Household items that are booked in full wagon load will be charged as per rates given in IRCA Coaching Tariff No. 25 Part-III. The charge for household items will be subject to the following minimum weight. Free allowance will not be provided for such carriage.

- (a) For 60 quintals per four-wheeled vehicle over broad gauge
- (b) For 45 quintals per four-wheeled vehicle over metre gauge
- (c) For 35 quintals per four-wheeled vehicle over narrow gauge
- (d) For 25 quintals per four-wheeled vehicle over narrow gauge

517. Carriage of charpoys.-

(1) Charpoys which are not in pieces will be carried only by passenger trains. Each charpoy will be charged at 40 kg and the charge that will be levied will be as per Scale-L, Scale-R, Scale-P, and Scale S. No free allowance will be provided when a charpoy is booked as luggage.

(2) If a charpoy which is not in pieces is found unbooked with a passenger in a compartment, the following charges will be levied:

- (a) If detected during the journey:
 - (i) For the distance it is carried without being detected: With the minimum charge being INR 50, the charpoy will be charged at 6 times the rates under Rule 517(1); and
 - (ii) For the distance it is carried after being detected till the destination station, once the charpoy has been moved to the brakevan at the owner's responsibility: The charpoy will be charged as per the rates under Rule 517(1).
- (a) If detected at the destination station: If the charpoy is found unbooked at the destination, it will be charged at six times the rate shown under Rule 517 (1) for the entire distance with the minimum charge being INR 50.

518. Carriage of fish spawn in the reserved compartment.-

A maximum of 2 earthen pots or tins containing water fish seed spawn, or fry may be carried as luggage in a reserved compartment provided fellow passengers are not inconvenienced by it. Such earthen pots or tins are chargeable based on the rates levied to Scale-L, Scale-R, Scale-P and Scale-S, as applicable, and by actual weight or weight derived on volumetric basis, whichever is higher respectively.

If sponsored by the Government, large quantities of earthenware pots or tins containing young alive fish may be carried in a reserved Second class compartment on payment of rates levied to Scale-L, Scale-R, Scale-P and Scale-S, as applicable, plus the usual fares for the actual number of persons attending the fish, subject to a minimum

number of fares based on the carrying capacity of the reserved compartment. The minimum fares must be calculated after taking into consideration the freight due for the young fish. No free allowance will be given.

