

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

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**Sub** : Introduction of Vistadome coach over Kalka-Shimla Narrow Gauge Section of UMB Division on the concept of "Chartering of individual seat through PRS".

In terms of powers delegated by Railway Board to DRMs controlling the Hill Railways vide ED/Heritage letter No. 2010/Heritage/MRI dated 25.04.2018 for promotion and enhancing tourist potentials of Hill Railways, the competent authority i.e. DRM/UMB has approved the proposal of introduction of newly developed Vistadome coach over KLK-SML Narrow Gauge section as per following principles:

- 1- The new Vistadome coach will be operated over KSR section with train No. 52453/54 KLK-SML Mail alongwith its associated coach carrying generator car.
- 2- The carrying capacity of Vistadome coach is 36 passengers. As this is a newly developed coach with special features having no match with nomenclature defined for current stock of passenger coaches, hence, coach type has been defined as "VS" (Vistadome Second Class Sitting) to facilitate the passengers for reservation through PRS.
- 3- The fares of Vistadome will be charged on the concept of "Chartering of individual seat through PRS". Accordingly, fare structure approved by competent authority is as under:

Per passenger fare (Rs.) for chartering of individual seat in Vistadome coach		
	Full	Child (5 yrs to less than 12 yrs. of age)
Per passenger fare for chartering of individual seat	115	60
Reservation charge	15	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs.130/-</b>	<b>Rs.75/-</b>

- 4- The above fares (inclusive of reservation charge) will be charged at flat rates irrespective of boarding/de-boarding station of the passengers i.e. fares will be charged on end to end basis over KSR section. Child below 5 years will not be charged any fare and can travel free of charge.
- 5- No concession is allowed on tickets booked for journey by Vistadome coach.
- 6- Since fare has been fixed on the concept of individual seat chartering, CRIS should make a suitable and distinct nomenclature for this coach (suggested as "VS") for firing of coach in PRS and enable booking through PRS or on-line booking.
- 7- Refund of fare will be permissible as per extant refund rules prescribed by Railway Board.

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- 8- The above fare structure has been approved on experimental basis initially for a period of 06 months. Thereafter, review of service will be conducted.
- 9- In vistadome coach, the seat under different quotas may be defined as per extant policy. However, 06 seats may be assigned to UMB Division for allotment under HO quota. The seat layout of Vistadome coach is attached herewith as Annexure-"A".

In view of above, it is requested that the new Vistadome coach to be introduced with train No. 52453/54 KLK-SML Mail may be fired in PRS for a period of 06 months w.e.f. 11.12.2018.

DA/- As above



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Copy to:

- 1- PCCM/NR for kind information please.
- 2- DRM & ADRM/UMB for kind information please.
- 3- CPRO/NR for wide publicity of Vistadome coach service.
- 4- Secy to GM/NR for kind information of GM/NR.
- 5- Sr.DOM/UMB, Sr.DME/C&W/UMB (Heritage Officer/UMB), for kind information and necessary action please.
- 6- CMI/Ticket Checking/UMB, CMI/Mktg./UMB, CMI/OS/UMB & CMI>Returns/UMB for information and necessary action.
- 7- SS/CBS/KLK & SML stations
- 8- CTI/Line & CTI/Stn KLK & SML stations

**Sitting arrangement of Vista-Dome Coach CT-15**

Door	1	3	7	11	15	19	23	27	31		Door
	2	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32		
		5	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	35	
Door		6	10	14	18	22	26	30	34	36	Door

Window   
Aisle 

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