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FA&CAOs,
(All Zonal Railways/Production Units)

Sub: Audit Report No. 15 of 2015 - Chapter 3 - Review of Suspense Balances in IR.

Please find enclosed a copy of Chapter - 3 'Review of Suspense Balances in Indian Railways' of C&AG's Report No. 15 of 2015 wherein apart from increases in suspense heads the following deficiencies detected during the audit review on Railways have been pointed out:

- Importance of clearance of suspense balances was not fully realized by the Executive/Accounts Departments.
- Expenditure was allocated indiscriminately to suspense heads without making efforts to allocate the same to the final heads of account.
- The year wise break up of balances under various suspense heads were not maintained as envisaged in the Code.
- No proper action was taken to adjust them as early as possible either by debit to the relevant final head or by transfer to other accounting units to which they pertained.
- Incomplete or incorrect postings in the suspense register without sufficient particulars/details etc. resulted in difficulties in linking the items at the time of clearance.
- Continued and effective review was not done to clear the items resulting in items becoming old and difficult to clear.

In this regard Audit has recommended the following measures for clearances of the amounts lying in Suspense Accounts:


- The suspense balances under 'Traffic Account' on account of freight outstanding admitted debits, objected debits, wharfage/demurrage and demand recoverable need to

You are requested to review the position of suspense balances in light of the deficiencies pointed out in the above report for taking necessary corrective action, wherever due, besides putting the systems in place for compliance of the stipulated codal provisions scrupulously. In this regard, inter-alia, the following steps may be ensured:

1. Items should be placed under suspense or written off with the approval of a gazetted officer as per extant instructions.
2. Review of suspense balance should be prescribed as a compulsory item of test check at gazetted level.
3. Before finalising Half Year Review of suspense balance, meetings may be held at the level of FA&CAOs with the concerned authorities and Divisional units to review the position.

A feedback on the action taken may be sent for Board's information within a month. A soft copy of the reply may also be mailed at jda@rb.railnet.gov.in.

DA: As above


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