GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)
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No.2026/TG-V/36/1 New Delhi, dated .06.2026

The Principal Chief Commercial Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Advance information regarding the provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 has received the assent of the Hon'ble President. The Act, as published in The Gazette of India dated 08.04.2026 , inter alia, amends certain provisions of the Railways Act, 1989. Relevant extracts (page No. 78 to 87) are enclosed herewith.

2. The formal notification bringing the relevant provisions into force will be issued separately. The amended provisions shall come into effect from the date of such notification, which will be intimated shortly.

3. Zonal Railways are advised to disseminate the contents of the amendments amongst all concerned officials for their information to ensure that the amended provisions are implemented smoothly and effectively and their is no deviation from the amended provisions from the date they come into force.

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				(*ZP*) In section 200, in sub-section (*1*), for the portion beginning with the words and figures "punishable under section 177" and ending with the word and figures "section 201", the following shall be substituted, namely:— "punishable under section 180, section 181, sub-section (*1*) of section 182, sub-section (*1*) or sub-section (*3*) or sub-section (*4*) of section 182A, sub-section (*1*) of section 183, clause (*c*) of the *Explanation* to section 184, section 189, second or subsequent offence under clause (*i*) of sub-section (*2*) of section 190, second or subsequent offence under section 192, sub-section (*3*) of section 192B, second or subsequent offence under section 194E, and clause (*b*) of section 198.". (*ZQ*) In section 210A,— (*i*) in the marginal heading, after the words "to increase", the words "fines or" shall be inserted; (*ii*) for the words "to be applied to each fine under this Act and such modified fine", the words "to be applied to each fine or penalty under this Act and such modified fine or penalty" shall be substituted. (*ZR*) In section 210C, after clause (*b*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— "(*ba*) the manner in which warning for contraventions shall be recorded under this Chapter;". (*ZS*) In section 212, in sub-section (*4*), for the words, brackets and figures "sub-section (*1*) of section 163", the words, brackets and figures "sub-section (*3*) of section 161" shall be substituted.
52.	1989	24	The Railways Act, 1989	(*A*) In section 60, in sub-section (*3*), for the words "shall be punishable with fine which shall not exceed five hundred rupees", the words "shall be liable to penalty which shall not exceed two thousand rupees, and in the event of non-payment of the penalty, the person so failing shall be produced before a competent court having jurisdiction which may impose a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees" shall be substituted. (*B*) In section 87, in sub-section (*3*), for the words "shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred and fifty rupees", the words "shall be liable to penalty which shall not exceed two thousand rupees, and in the event of non-payment of the penalty, the person so failing shall be produced before a competent court having jurisdiction which may impose a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

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(*C*) For section 137, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"137. Fraudulently travelling or attempting to travel without proper pass or ticket.— (*1*) If any person, with intent to defraud a railway administration,—

(*a*) enters or remains in any carriage on a railway or travels in a train in contravention of section 55; or

(*b*) uses or attempts to use a single pass or a single ticket which has already been used on a previous journey, or in the case of a return ticket, a half thereof which has already been so used,

he shall be liable to pay the fare for the distance which he has travelled, or where there is any doubt as to the station from which he started, the fare from the station from which the train originally started, or if the tickets of passengers travelling in the train have been examined since the original starting of the train, the fare from the place where the tickets were so examined or, in case of their having been examined more than once, were last examined:

Provided that he shall also pay the excess charges equal to the due charges mentioned herein, subject to a minimum of five hundred rupees or the charges notified by the Central Government.

(*2*) If any passenger liable to pay the excess charge and the fare mentioned in sub-section (*1*), fails or refuses to pay the same on a demand being made under this section, the authorised railway servant may apply to the competent court, for the recovery of the sum payable, and the court if satisfied that the sum is payable shall order it to be so recovered, and may order that the person liable for the payment shall in default of payment be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.".

(*D*) In section 138,—

(*i*) in sub-section (*3*), for the words "or two hundred and fifty rupees", the words "or five hundred rupees or the charges notified by the Central Government" shall be substituted;

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(*ii*) in sub-section (*4*),—

(*a*) for the words "any Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of the first or second class," the words "the competent court having jurisdiction" shall be substituted;

(*b*) for the words "and the Magistrate if satisfied", the words "and the court if satisfied" shall be substituted.

(*E*) For section 142, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"142. Penalty for travelling on transferred tickets.— (*1*) If any person is found travelling in a train on the authority of a ticket booked for travel of some other person and on which he is not authorised to undertake journey in the train, the ticket shall be forfeited and he shall also be liable to pay the fare mentioned on the ticket:

Provided that he shall pay the excess charges equal to the fare mentioned on the ticket subject to a minimum of five hundred rupees or the charges notified by the Central Government.

(*2*) If any passenger liable to pay the excess charge and the fare mentioned in sub-section (*1*), fails or refuses to pay the same on a demand being made therefor under this section, the authorised railway servant may apply to the competent court for the recovery of the sum payable, and the court if satisfied that the sum is payable shall order it to be so recovered, and may order that the person liable for the payment shall, in default of payment, suffer imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.".

(*F*) For section 144, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"144. Prohibition on hawking, etc., and begging.— (*1*) If any person canvasses for any custom or hawks or exposes for sale any article whatsoever in any railway carriage or upon any part of a railway, except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a license granted by the railway administration in this behalf, he shall be liable to penalty of two thousand rupees.

(*2*) If he fails or refuses to pay the penalty, he shall be produced before the competent court having jurisdiction and shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both:

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Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than imprisonment for one month or a fine of two thousand rupees.

(*3*) If any person who has been ordered to pay a penalty under sub-section (*1*) is subsequently found to have contravened the same provision for the fourth or any subsequent time, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees:

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than imprisonment for three months and a fine of two thousand rupees.

(*4*) No person shall be permitted to beg in any railway carriage or upon any part of the railway.

(*5*) Any person referred to in sub-section (*1*), sub-section (*2*), sub-section (*3*) or sub-section (*4*) may be removed from the railway carriage or any part of the railway or railway station, as the case may be, by any railway servant authorised in this behalf or by any other person whom such railway servant may call to his aid.

Explanation.—For reckoning of the count of offence, if the person commits this act in any part of the Indian Railways it will be reckoned for the count of this offence.".

(*G*) For section 145, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

'145. Drunkenness or nuisance.— (*1*) If any person in any railway carriage or upon any part of a railway is in a state of intoxication and conducts himself in such a manner as to cause annoyance to any person, he shall be removed from the railway by any railway servant and shall, in addition to the forfeiture of his pass or ticket, be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to twenty-four hours, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both or with community service.

(*2*) If any person in any railway carriage or upon any part of a railway,—

(*a*) commits any nuisance or act of indecency or uses abusive or obscene language; or

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(*b*) wilfully or without excuse interferes with any amenity provided by the railway administration so as to affect the comfortable travel of any passenger,

he shall be removed from the railway by any railway servant and shall, in addition to the forfeiture of his pass or ticket, be punishable with fine of one thousand rupees and if he continues the nuisance, having been enjoined by a railway servant who has lawful authority to issue such injunction not to repeat or continue such nuisance, shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, "nuisance" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 270 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (45 of 2023).'.

(*H*) In section 146, for the words "term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand and five hundred rupees" shall be substituted.

(*I*) For section 147, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

'147. Trespass and refusal to desist from trespass.— (*1*) If any person enters upon or into any part of a passenger area, without lawful authority and refuses to leave he shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred rupees:

Provided if the person lawfully entered upon the passenger area, misuses the passenger area and refuses to leave he shall be punishable as per sub-section (*3*).

(*2*) If such person refuses to pay the penalty, he shall be produced before the competent court having jurisdiction, and shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to three months or with fine which may extend up to five thousand rupees or with both:

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than imprisonment for one month or a fine of two thousand rupees.

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(*3*) If any person enters upon or into any part of a railway, other than passenger area, without lawful authority or having lawfully entered upon or into such part misuses such property and refuses to leave, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both:

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than a fine of two thousand rupees.

(*4*) Any person referred to in sub-section (*1*), sub-section (*2*) and sub section (*3*) may be removed from the railway by any railway servant or by any other person whom such railway servant may call to his aid.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section,—

(*a*) "passenger area" shall have the same meaning as defined in clause (*cb*) of sub-section (*1*) of section 2 of the Railway Protection Force Act, 1957 (23 of 1957);

(*b*) "railway" shall have the same meaning as defined in clause (*31*) of section 2 of this Act.'.

(*J*) In section 155,—

(*i*) in sub-section (*1*), for the words "he shall also be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees", the words "he shall be liable to penalty of two thousand rupees" shall be substituted;

(*ii*) in sub-section (*2*), for the words "punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees", the words "liable to penalty of one thousand rupees" shall be substituted;

(*iii*) after sub-section (*2*), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(*3*) If any passenger who is found liable for a contravention of sub-section (*1*) or sub-section (*2*) refuses to pay the penalty, the violator shall be produced before the competent court wherein, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees:

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than a fine of two thousand rupees.".

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(*K*) Section 158 shall be omitted.

(*L*) For section 159, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"159. Disobedience of drivers or conductors of vehicles to directions of railway servant, etc.— (*1*) If any driver or conductor of any vehicle, while on the premises of a railway, halts or parks such vehicle other than at a designated place or drives against one way traffic or dangerously or in a manner which may obstruct free flow of traffic or disobeys the reasonable directions of any railway servant or police officer, he shall be liable to penalty of five hundred rupees.

(*2*) If any driver or conductor found to be liable to penalty under sub-section (*1*) and refuses to pay the penalty, shall be produced before the competent court having jurisdiction, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both:

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than imprisonment for fifteen days or a fine of five hundred rupees.".

(*M*) For section 162, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"162. Entering carriage or other place reserved for females.—(*1*) If a male person knowing or having reason to believe that a carriage, compartment, berth or seat in a train or room or other place is reserved by a railway administration for the exclusive use of females, without lawful excuse,—

(*a*) enters such carriage, compartment, room or other place, or having entered such carriage, compartment, room or place, remains therein; or

(*b*) occupies any such berth or seat having been required by any railway servant to vacate it,

he shall, in addition to being liable to forfeiture of his pass or ticket, liable to pay penalty of two thousand and five hundred rupees and may also be removed by any railway servant.

(*2*) If a person found to be liable to penalty under sub-section (*1*) and refuses to pay the penalty, shall be produced before the competent court having jurisdiction, and shall on conviction be punishable with a fine which may extend up to five thousand rupees:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than a fine of two thousand and five hundred rupees:

Provided further that notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no proceeding under this section shall be initiated against any transgender person, as defined in clause (*k*) of section 2 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 (40 of 2019).".

(*N*) In section 163, for the words "be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for every quintal or part thereof of such goods", the words "be liable to penalty which shall be equal to the amount as notified by the Central Government" shall be substituted.

(*O*) For section 165, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"165. Unlawfully bringing offensive goods on a railway.— (*1*) If any person, in contravention of section 67, takes with him any offensive goods or entrusts such goods for carriage to the Railway administration, he shall be liable for removal of such goods from Railways and also to penalty amounting to any loss, injury or damage which may be caused by reason of bringing such goods on the Railway, but shall not be less than ten thousand rupees.

(*2*) If any person liable to remove such goods from Railways and pay a penalty under sub-section (*1*), fails or refuses to do so on a demand being made therefor under this section, the authorised railway servant may apply to the competent court having jurisdiction, for the recovery of the sum payable, and the court if satisfied that the sum is payable shall order it to be so recovered, and may order that the person liable for the payment shall in default of payment suffer imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may not be less than ten thousand rupees, or with both.".

(*P*) In section 166,—

(*i*) in the long line, for the words "he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.", the words "he shall be liable for the first contravention with penalty of two thousand rupees, for any second or subsequent offence, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or with fine of five thousand rupees, or with both:" shall be substituted;

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				(*ii*) after the long line, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:— "Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than a fine of two thousand rupees: Provided further that if the person refuses to pay the penalty, he shall be produced before the competent court and shall be punishable with a fine which may extend up to five thousand rupees.". (*Q*) In section 167,— (*i*) in sub-section (*3*), for the words "punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.", the words "liable to penalty of two thousand rupees in addition to being liable to forfeiture of his pass or ticket and shall also be removed by any railway servant and if he refuses to pay the penalty, he shall be produced before the competent court having jurisdiction, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees:" shall be substituted; (*ii*) after sub-section (*3*), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— "Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such punishment shall not be less than a fine of two thousand rupees.". (*R*) In section 172, the words ", he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees" shall be omitted. (*S*) Section 176 shall be omitted. (*T*) In section 179, in sub-section (*2*), for the words and figures "sections 137 to 139, 141 to 147, 153 to 157, 159 to 167 and 172 to 176", the words and figures "sections 137 to 139, 141 to 147, 153 to 157, 159 to 162, 164 to 167 and 172 to 175" shall be substituted.
53.	1994	44	The New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994	(*A*) In section 2,— (*i*) after clause (*1*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— '(*1A*) "annual value" means the annual value of any vacant land or covered space of any building determined under section 64F;'; (*ii*) after clause (*25*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— '(*25A*) "Municipal Valuation Committee" means the Municipal Valuation Committee constituted under section 64A;';