



**PBC No. 179 / 2025**  
**RBE No. 88 / 2025**

**दक्षिण रेलवे Southern Railway**  
**प्रधान मुख्य कार्मिक अधिकारी कार्यालय**  
**Office of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer**  
**प्रधान कार्यालय, कार्मिक विभाग, चेन्नै-600003**  
**Headquarters, Personnel Department, Chennai-600003**

सं/No: P(R)563/P/DRQ/Sports

दिनांक/Dated: 29.08.2025

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Principal MDZTI/TPJ, SRCETC/TBM, ZETTC/AVD,  
DPOs/SPOs/WPOs/APOs of HQ/Divisions /Workshops/Units.

**विषय/Sub: De- recognition of Handball Association India (HAT) in the  
game discipline of Handball – reg.**

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A copy of the Railway Board's letter No.2021/E(Sports)/RSPB/4(1)/2/Status dated 26.08.2025 on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance and necessary action.

Railway Board's letter dated 31.07.2023 and 22.08.2025 referred to therein have been issued as PBC No.183/2023 and PBC No. 178/2025.

संलग्नक/Encl. 02 pages

**सहायक कर्मचारी संबंधी अधिकारी/Asst Personnel Officer / IR & Trg.**  
**कृते प्रमुकाधि/For Principal Chief Personnel Officer**

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to: The General Secretary/SRMU  
The General Secretary / DREU  
The General Secretary/AISCTREA  
The General Secretary/AIOBCREA  
The General Secretary/NFIR  
IT Section/PB/HQ - to upload in the SR website.

**भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**रेल मंत्रालय/MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
**(रेलवे बोर्ड/RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2021/E(Sports)/RSPB/4(1)/2/Status

New Delhi, dated 26.08.2025

**The General Managers (P),**  
**All Zonal Railways, Production and other units.**

Sub:- De-recognition of Handball Association India (HAI) in the game discipline of Handball-reg.

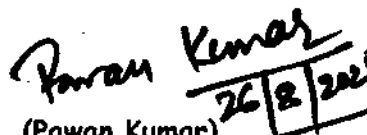
Ref: (i) This office's letter of even number, dated 31.07.2023.  
(ii) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports' D.O. letter No. 09-04/2024-SP-I dated 02.06.2025.

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in response to a query from this office, have informed vide their letter dated 02.06.2025 that currently there is no recognized National Sports Federation (NSF) for Handball game discipline in India stating that the recognition granted to Handball Association India (HAI) as NSF vide letter No. 31-14/2009-SP-1 dated 25.07.2023 was stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana vide order dated 05.09.2023 passed in CWP No. 19665 of 2023.

2. In view of above, it has been decided that the participation and medal winning performances in the events organized by HAI or its affiliated units on or after 05.09.2023 will not be considered for recruitment, incentives and all other establishment matters in Indian Railways till further orders. However, the certificates issued for the events conducted under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities and recognized international sports federations in the game of Handball, will be considered valid for the said purpose.

3. In the matter of cases for intervening period i.e. from 05.09.2023 to 02.06.2025, Railway Board's letter No. 2025/E(Sports)/04/10(NSF) dated 22.08.2025 (RBE No. 86/2025) may be referred to.

4. This issues with the approval of Director General (Human Resource), Railway Board.

  
(Pawan Kumar)  
Dy. Director-II/ Estt.(Sports)

No. 2021/E(Sports)/RSPB/4(1)/2/Status

New Delhi, dated 26.08.2025

Copy to:

- 1 The General Secretary, AIRF, 4, State Entry Road, New Delhi.
2. The General Secretary, NFIR, 3, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi.

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3. The General Secretary, All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association, 7-GF, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. The General Secretary, All India OBC Railway Employees' Association, Room No. 48, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

*AS*  
26.8.25  
For PED(IR) /Railway Board

**Copy to:**

1. The PFAs, All Zonal Railways and Production Units.
2. The Hony. General Secretaries, Sports Associations of all Zonal Railways/ Production and other Units.
3. PPSs/PSs to CRB & CEO, DG(HR), AM(HR), PED(IR), ED/E(N), ED(E), ED/E(Res.), ED/F(E), D/E(N), JD/E(N), JD/E(Rep.)-I&II, JD/E(W), DD/E(N)I&II, DD/E(R)-I&II, DD/F(E)-I,II & III and E(Rep.)-I, II & III, E(SCT) I & II, E(NG) I & II and F/E(Spl) Branches.

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