

WHAT IS PAD AND PDW?

PAD stands for Proprietary Article Depot (Proprietary Articles). These are packed food items like biscuits, confectionaries, soft beverages, cakes etc. being sold in the static stalls of railway stations.

PDW stands for Packaged Drinking Water. Rail Neer is not available in all the railway stations. Wherever Rail Neer is not available, other packaged drinking water is sold through the minor static stalls.

All such packed food items and packaged drinking water on sale at stations should be pre-approved for sale by Railways.

WHY APPROVAL?

Divisions of this Railway award licenses for minor static units like Catering Stalls, Multi-Purpose Stalls. The licensees of these stalls are allowed to sell only the approved PAD products and PDW. Manufacturers/franchisees of these products are given approval by the Headquarters Commercial Branch for supply of their specific products under their brands to these static stalls. The approvals are necessary to arrest supply of unpopular/spurious brands with low quality and quantity, and also to disallow the impact of any regressive effect on the health of the passengers.