

CARGO RELATED FACILITIES (CRF)

Harnessing the Power of Railways for a Modern Logistics Revolution

Cargo Related Facilities (CRF) present a unique opportunity for industry stakeholders to build rail-linked logistics infrastructure on Railway land, ensuring seamless multimodal connectivity, reduced logistics costs, and long-term operational stability. With flexible operational rights, financial incentives, and assured tenure, CRFs enable businesses to become an integral part of the rapidly evolving freight ecosystem of Indian Railways.

Strategic Infrastructure & Seamless Integration

- Develop modern logistics hubs including warehouses, cold chains & cargo complexes on spare Railway land.
- Integrate your business directly with the national freight network, by locating facilities near Goods Sheds, Railheads and Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCTs)
- Reduce first mile and last-mile connectivity challenges and improve supply chain efficiency.

Operational Flexibility & Business Control

- Freedom to design, finance & operate customized logistics facilities.
- Suitable for Bulk Cargo Handling, E-Commerce Logistics and Processing & Packaging Units
- Developers can manage operations independently, maintain infrastructure and Fix service charges based on market dynamics
- CRFs will be linked with Railway Terminals within 100 km radius.

Long-Term Business Stability

- 25-Year Lease Period ensuring secure ROI window.
- Right of First Refusal during re-tendering for existing developers.
- Ideal for long-term infrastructure investment and expansion.

Financial & Commercial Benefits

- No Wharfage Charges on leased Railway land.
- Opportunity to expand via adjacent private land for ancillary logistics services.
- Use of existing Railway structures to reduce project costs.

Multi-Functional Logistics Ecosystem

Permitted CRF Activities include:

- Warehousing & Transit Storage - Bulk, transit, silo-based.
- Cold Chain Facilities - For temperature-sensitive and parcel goods.
- E-Commerce Sorting Centres & Integrated Cargo & Packaging Units
- Value-Added Logistics Services – Packaging, processing, and custom logistics solutions.

Additional cargo-generating activities may be permitted with the approval of competent authority.

Transparent Bidding Process

- Competitive bidding through Divisional Railway Administration
- Evaluation based on percentage quoted above the advertised RP which shall be the Guaranteed Railway Freight (GRF)
- Highest bidder will be awarded the contract.

Performance-Linked Framework

- Start operations within 2 years of handing over of land extendable by 1 year with approvals.
- Minimum 50% of Guaranteed Railway freight (GRF) must be moved via Rail annually.
- Annual GRF escalation will be at 6%.

Eligibility

- Individuals / Companies / PSUs
- Joint Ventures / Consortia
- Logistics, Manufacturing, Mining, Port & E-Commerce sectors

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