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**DRAFT ORDINANCES.**

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The following Draft of a proposed Ordinance is published for general information :—

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**An Ordinance to amend the Ceylon Railways Ordinance, 1902.**

No. 9 of 1902.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the State Council thereof, as follows :—

1 This Ordinance may be cited as the Ceylon Railways Short title.  
(Amendment) Ordinance No. of 1937.

Substitution of new Schedule for Schedule to Ordinance No. 9 of 1902.

2 The Ceylon Railways Ordinance, 1902, is hereby amended by the substitution for the Schedule to that Ordinance of the following new Schedule :—

#### SCHEDULE.

##### RATES OF RAILWAY FARES:

###### *Passengers.*

1. The rates shall be—
  - First Class, not exceeding 20 cents a mile,
  - Second Class, not exceeding 10 cents a mile,
  - Third Class, not exceeding 4 cents a mile.
2. Reductions shall be made for children, pioneers, and coolies of any nationality, and for return or periodical tickets. The right of reduction in the case of children shall be determinable either by age or by height, as shall from time to time be provided for by the rules.
3. Special trains or reserved accommodation shall be charged for at special rates.
4. Special rates shall be charged for H, C, and D traffic, luggage, and parcels.
5. Every fractional part of a mile shall be reckoned and charged for as a mile.
6. Except in such cases and circumstances where some other method of computation of fares or rates may be prescribed by the rules, every fractional part of a cent shall be reckoned and charged for as a cent.

###### *Goods.*

1. The rates shall not exceed 59 cents a mile for every ton.
2. Special rates shall be charged for live stock, corpses, specie, plate, carriages, articles exceeding 3 tons in weight or measuring more than 200 cubic feet in bulk or 14 feet in length, small or loose articles, articles of a light or frail nature which do not permit of remunerative freight on a weight for charge basis, articles requiring special accommodation, gunpowder, kerosene oil and other volatile oils, vitriol, lucifer matches, and other articles which, in the judgment of any of the railway officials may be of a dangerous nature.
3. Charges for demurrage, insurance on valuable articles, warehousing and loading, and other like charges shall be made in addition to the above rates, which apply only to the carriage of goods.
4. Every fractional part of a mile shall be reckoned and charged for as a mile.
5. The minimum distance on which a mileage charge shall ordinarily be made and the minimum charge for a consignment of goods shall be prescribed by rules.
6. Every fractional part of a hundredweight shall be reckoned and charged for in such manner as shall be prescribed by the rules.
7. Except in such cases and circumstances where some other method of computation of rates may be prescribed by the rules, every fractional part of a cent shall be reckoned and charged for as a cent.

###### *Objects and Reasons.*

The proposed revision of railway fares and rates with effect from October 1, 1937, necessitates an amendment of the Schedule to the Ceylon Railways Ordinance, 1902, as amended by Ordinance No. 10 of 1925 and by Ordinance No. 1 of 1932.

2. It has been found simpler to repeal the existing Schedule and to substitute in its place another Schedule which has been drafted in general terms so as to avoid the necessity for an amending Ordinance whenever the fares and rates require revision. The phraseology of the existing Schedule has been retained in order to avoid a possible conflict with the rates at present in force. The provisions of the new Schedule will be supplemented by additional rules made under the powers conferred by the principal Ordinance.

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Ministry of Communications and Works,  
Colombo, September 17, 1937.