

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD**

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**GENERAL MANAGERS,
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS.**

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NO. 2011/SAFETY-I/3/14 (.) IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING INCIDENTS OF FIRE IN PANTRY CARS OF SOME TRAINS IN THE RECENT PAST, RAILWAYS ARE DIRECTED TO LAUNCH AN EXTENSIVE DRIVE TO PREVENT CASES OF FIRE IN PANTRY CARS, POWER CARS, PASSENGER COACHES AND DIESEL FUELLING INSTALLATIONS. BOARD HAS DESIRED THAT A SPECIAL DRIVE FOR ONE MONTH MAY BE LAUNCHED WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 2011 LAYING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- (I) ALL PANTRY CARS (AC AND NON AC) SHOULD BE AUDITED AND REPORT GIVEN AS PER FORMAT AVAILABLE ON SIMS (<http://sims.railnet.gov.in>)
- (II) PREVENTION TO BE TAKEN IN BOOKING OF CONTRABAND, EXPLOSIVES AND INFLAMMABLE GOODS AS PER COMMERCIAL RULES. IN THE DRIVE, EDUCATION OF STAFF BOOKING PARCEL/LUGGAGE IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT.
- (III) INTENSIVE CHECKS ON THE UNAUTHORIZED CARRIAGE BY PASSENGERS OF INFLAMMABLE AND OTHER ITEMS NOT ALLOWED TO BE CARRIED BY THEM ON TRAINS.
- (IV) ADEQUATE CARE TO BE TAKEN IN THE HANDLING AND STORAGE OF SUCH INFLAMMABLE, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER SUCH GOODS AT THE STATION PREMISES AS ALSO ON THE TRAINS.
- (V) PREVENTION OF CARRIAGE OF INFLAMMABLES, EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS GAS CYLINDERS, CRACKERS ETC. BY PASSENGER CARRYING TRAINS.
- (VI) RANDOM / SURPRISE, CHECK BY RAILWAY OFFICIALS IN COORDINATION WITH GRP AND RPF IN TRAINS AND AT STATIONS OF LUGGAGE AND PARCELS FOR INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS BEFORE LOADING IN SLRS.
- (VII) PREVENT SMOKING BY LABOUR WHILE LOADING AND UNLOADING IN SLRS.
- (VIII) TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT STATIONS AND TRAINS TO WARD OFF DANGERS POSED BY ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS.

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- (IX) ADEQUATE AND PROPER MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC DEVICES IN THE COACHES AS PER LAID DOWN NORMS.
- (X) QUALITY WORK IN THE POH FOR THE WIRING SYSTEMS AND OTHER SCHEDULES LIKE ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOXES ETC.
- (XI) IT SHOULD BE ENSURED THAT PASSAGES AND DOORS IN THE COACHES ARE NOT BLOCKED WITH LUGGAGE ETC. AND FREE MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS IS NOT HINDERED.
- (XII) ALERTNESS ON THE PART OF STATION STAFF, CABIN STAFF, GATEMEN AND RUNNING STAFF FOR EXCHANGING ALL-RIGHT SIGNAL AND FOR SAFE PASSAGE OF TRAINS.
- (XIII) AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN WORKING ORDER AT STATIONS, GOODS SHEDS, GUARD'S BRAKEVANS, AIR CONDITIONED COACHES, PANTRY CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES.
- (XIV) TRAINING TO CONCERN STAFF FOR OPERATING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.
- (XV) PROPER LOCKING OF LUGGAGE PORTION OF SLRS OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

A REPORT CONTAINING DEFICIENCIES NOTICED DURING THE COURSE OF DRIVE VIS A VIS ACTION TAKEN THEREON BY RAILWAYS TO PREVENT SUCH ACCIDENTS MAY BE FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE AFTER COMPLETION OF DRIVE BY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2011.

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