

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

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**GENERAL MANAGERS,  
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS.**

**NEW DELHI, DATED 22.11.2011**

**NO. 2011/SAFETY-I/3/20 (.)** ON 22.11.2011 TWO AC3 COACHES OF 13009 HOWRAH – DEHRADUN EXP. CAUGHT FIRE RESULTING IN DEATH OF SEVEN PASSENGERS. ALL RAILWAYS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LAUNCH 15 DAYS SAFETY DRIVE TO AVOID SUCH ACCIDENTS IN FUTURE LAYING STRESS ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF SAFETY:

1. TO CHECK ENTRY OF UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS IN THE COACHES BY TTEs, COACH ATTENDANTS, & RPF STAFF.
2. TO CHECK ENTRY OF UNAUTHORIZED VENDORS ESPECIALLY SELLING TEA ON SIGRIS IN THE COACHES.
3. EMERGENCY FEED OF ELECTRIC SUPPLY FROM THE ADJOINING COACHES SHOULD BE MADE ONLY IN UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT TOO FOR A SHORT PERIOD. IT MUST BE ENSURED THAT THE CONNECTIONS FOR SUCH EMERGENCY FEED ARE PROPERLY SECURED. ALSO ENSURE CHECKING OF CONDITION AND FITMENT OF EMERGENCY FEED TERMINALS, BOTH DURING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MAINTENANCE.
4. QUALITY WORK IN THE POH FOR THE WIRING SYSTEMS AND OTHER SCHEDULES LIKE ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOXES ETC.
5. PRECAUTION 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.
6. INTENSIVE CHECKS ON THE UNAUTHORIZED CARRIAGE BY PASSENGERS OF INFLAMMABLE AND OTHER ITEMS NOT ALLOWED TO BE CARRIED BY THEM ON TRAINS.
7. 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.

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8. PREVENTION OF CARRIAGE OF INFLAMMABLES, EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS GAS CYLINDERS, CRACKERS ETC. BY PASSENGER CARRYING TRAINS.
9. 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.
10. ADEQUATE AND PROPER MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC DEVICES IN THE COACHES AS PER LAID DOWN NORMS.

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 22.12.2011.

Handwritten signature and date: 23/11/11

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