

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

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GENERAL MANAGERS,
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS

NO.2011/SAFETY-I/3/14 (.) RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN A SPURT OF ACCIDENTS DUE TO HOT AXLE IN THE RAILWAYS (.) IN THE LAST ONE WEEK THREE CASES OF HOT AXLES LEADING TO DERAILMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE (.) IT APPEARS THAT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING EXCHANGE OF ALL RIGHT SIGNAL BETWEEN STATION MASTER/ CABINMAN/ PORTER/ GATEMAN & DRIVER AND GUARD ARE NOT BEING METICULOUSLY FOLLOWED (.) IMPERATIVE THAT RAILWAYS IMMEDIATELY TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION TO SET RIGHT THE SLACKNESS AND INITIATE DETERRENT ACTION AGAINST STAFF FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR NON OBSERVANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS IN G&SR IN THIS REGARD.(.) FOLLOWING ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION (.)

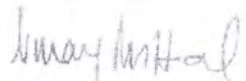
- (I) THE FAILURE OF ANY STAFF IN EXCHANGING ALL RIGHT SIGNALS SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY ON PHONE TO CONTROL OFFICE BY INSPECTING OFFICIALS SO THAT CORRECTIVE ACTION IS INITIATED INSTANTLY (.) ALL CASES REPORTED DURING 24 HOURS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY DRMs AND GMs ON DAILY BASIS (.)
- (II) COUNSELLING DRIVES SHOULD BE LAUNCHED TO EDUCATE STAFF ABOUT TELL TALE SIGNS OF HOT BOXES LIKE ABNORMAL SOUND, SMOKE, SMELL, GREASE OOOZING ETC AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THEM (.)
- (III) TEMPERATURE OF AXLE BOX SHOULD BE CHECKED BY BOX FEELING OR BY HAND HELD INFRA RED DEVICES BY TXR STAFF IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL OF TRAIN IN MAINTENANCE YARDS (.) TXR DEPOT WISE REPORT ON NUMBER OF TRAINS CHECKED AND ABNORMALITY FOUND SHOULD BE REPEATED TO C&W CONTROL AND PUT UP TO DRMs (.)
- (IV) TXR GANGS AT SELECTED LOCATIONS SHOULD BE DEPLOYED ON HIGH DENSITY ROUTES WITH HAND HELD INFRA-RED TEMPERATURE MEASURING GUNS FOR RANDOM CHECKING OF AXLE BOX

TEMPERATURE OF SOME TRAINS EVEN BY STOPPING THEM OUT OF COURSE IF NECESSARY (.)

- (V) SURPRISE CHECKS ON DEPOTS/WORKSHOPS UNDERTAKING ROLLER BEARING WORK SHOULD BE ORGANISED TO ENSURE PROPER WORKMANSHIP, AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY GREASE (.)
- (VI) EACH HOT BOX CASE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED IN DETAIL AND REPORTED TO RDSO AND RAILWAY BOARD (.) A REVIEW OF ALL INVESTIGATED CASES AND ACTION TAKEN THEREON FOR THE LAST ONE YEAR SHOULD BE DONE BY DRMs AND GMs AND A REPORT SENT TO BOARD (.)

A MONTH LONG SAFETY DRIVE BE LAUNCHED ON ABOVE ASPECTS AND GMs AND DRMs SHOULD PERSONALLY MONITER THE SAME (.) RESULT OF DRIVE MAY BE ADVISED AFTER THE DRIVE PERIOD IS OVER (.) HOWEVER, DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST STAFF WHO DID NOT EXCHANGE ALL RIGHT SIGNALS AS BROUGHT OUT IN THE PAST INSPECTION REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE RAILWAY MAY BE SENT TO BOARD WITHIN A WEEK (.)

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