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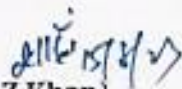
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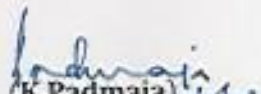
Sub: Joint instructions to avoid thefts, dacoity during journey - Reg

It has been reported on 14.08.23 at about 01.20 hours that ACP occurred in Tr.No 12604 (HYB-MAS) Chennai Express at KM.No. 244/20 nearly 5 km away from Tettu Rly Station and the train stopped. Simultaneously some criminals snatched away gold chains from 7 passengers through windows of coaches. Further, it is reported that at Km.No.239/37 nearly 1 km away from Tettu Rly Station another attempt of Gold Chain Snatching from passengers of Tr.No.12760 (Hyderabad-Tambaram) Charminar Express was occurred at about 03.42 hours and some criminals attempted to snatch gold chains from sleeping passengers through windows, but the same was averted by onboard GRP escort.

In this connection, the following joint instructions are hereby issued for compliance in OGL-NLR section of Vijayawada Division, especially during night time:

- 1) Dynamic escort should be provided covering all night trains based on past crime record, intelligence inputs, festive seasons and vulnerability to crime.
- 2) Proposed Train escort programme should be intimated in advance one month to HQrs.
- 3) The train escorting staff have to be briefed to keep extra vigil on the lady passengers travelling alone and exclusively in ladies coaches
- 4) The manning of reserved coaches by Ticket checking staff should be increased.
- 5) Sr. DCMs to share details of quota coaches of night time trains (both directions) to amenities staff, wherein more enroute boardings are likely to take place.
- 6) Onboard Ticket checking staff should coordinate with escort staff and share list of coach-wise passengers Boarding/de-boarding at enroute stations. Accordingly, coaches wherein no passenger is boarding/deboarding to be closed.
- 7) Frequent announcements to be made through Public Address System at stations to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching etc. In this regard, the following special announcements to be made:
 - (i) Lady passengers are requested to avoid sleeping or sitting near the windows without closing window shutters.
 - (ii) Lady passengers are requested to take care of their Jewellery and valuables.
- 8) On board Ticket checking and RPF/GRP escort staff to also educate passengers regarding avoid sleeping/sitting near windows and to take care of their Jewellery, especially lady Passengers travelling alone. MERI SAHELI Teams at stations in the section (OGL & GDR) and those covering night trains in the section should educate lady passengers.
- 9) On board Ticket checking and RPF/GRP escort staff to create awareness among other railway staff/contractual staff (OBHS/Pantry car) in the trains to be vigilant during night time to avoid such type of incidents.


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