

भारत सरकार(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA) रेल मंत्रालय(MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) रेलवे बोर्ड(RAILWAY BOARD)



No.2023/Safety-I/3/3

New Delhi, Dated: 26.08.2023

GENERAL MANAGERS, ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS, INCLUDING KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION

NO. 2023/SAFETY-I/3/3 (.) IN VIEW OF THE RECENT FIRE INCIDENCES, A SPECIAL SAFETY DRIVE INVOLVING DIVISIONAL AND HQ OFFICERS (HAG, NFHAG, SAG, JAG OFFICERS)FOR A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS SHOULD BE LAUNCHED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT TO PREVENT CASES OF FIRE IN TRAINS. SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS: -

- (i) INTENSIVE CHECKS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON THE UNAUTHORIZED CARRIAGE BY PASSENGERS OF INFLAMMABLE EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, GAS CYLINDERS, CRACKERS AND OTHER ITEMS NOT ALLOWED TO BE CARRIED BY THEM ON TRAINS. THESE CHECKS SHOULD ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN FTR COACHES AND TRAINS BOOKED BY PRIVATE PARTIES.
- (ii) ALL ONBOARD STAFF INCLUDING PANTRY CAR STAFF & CONTRACTOR'S STAFF SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR THEIR TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILS FOR OPERATING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.THESE STAFF SHOULD BE COUNSELED TO BE VIGILANT TOWARDS ANY INCIDENT WHICH CAN RESULT IN FIRE AND TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION.
- (iii) COACHES, POWER CARS AND PANTRY CARS SHOULD BE CHECKED TO ENSURE NO HANGING WIRES OR LOOSE ENDS OF WIRES AND THAT NO ELECTRIC PROTECTION/FUSE IS BYPASSED.
- (iv) TOILETS OF COACHES SHOULD BE CHECKED TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO HOLES/GAPS/RECESS AVAILABLE FOR PASSENGERS TO PUT PAPERS/WRAPPERS/TISSUES. ALL SUCH POINTS SHOULD BE SUITABLY SEALED.

- (v) PROMINENT DISPLAY OF **NO SMOKE** SIGN IN COACHES AND TOILETS ARE DISPLAYED.
- (vi) SMOKE AND FIRE DETECTION & SUPPRESSION AND ALARM SYSTEMS ARE PROVIDED IN POWER CAR, PANTRY CAR AND COACHES. THESE SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR THEIR FUNCTIONALITY.
 - (vii) 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.
 - (ix) QUALITY WORK IN THE POH FOR WIRING, LUBRICATING/OIL SYSTEMS AND OTHERS LIKE ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOXES, LUBRICATING, DASHPOTS AND AXLE BOXES ETC.
 - (x) ENGINE / GENERATOR CAR AND ENGINE ROOM SHOULD BE KEPT FREE FROM OIL , FUEL SPILLAGE AREA BELOW ENGINE SHOULD BE CLEAR AND THERE SHOULD NOT BE COTTON OR DUSTER LEFT IN THE ENGINE ROOM.
 - (xi) IT SHOULD BE CHECKED THAT ONLY FLAMELESS COOKING IS CARRIED OUT IN PANTRY CARS OF TRAINS SUBJECT TO STRICT COMPLIANCE OF ALL FIRE SAFETY RELATED PROTOCOLS.

SUITABLE FOLLOW UP ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON ALL DEFICIENCIES AND IRREGULARITIES NOTICED DURING THE DRIVE. THE RESULTS OF THE DRIVE SHOULD BE SENT TO BOARD BY 10.09.2023. THE REPORT SHOULD SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE TRAIN WISE COACH WISE CHECK CARRIED OUT BESIDES OTHER DETAILS. APART FROM SENDING HARD COPY, THE REPORT SHOULD INVARIABLY BE UPLOADED ON SMDMS BOTH IN PDF AND MS WORD DOCUMENT, MAY ALSO BE EMAILED AT EDEESAFETY@GMAIL.COM (.)

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