

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

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**GENERAL MANAGERS,  
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS.**

**NEW DELHI, DATED 17.10.2013**

**NO. 2013/SAFETY-I/3/8(.)** IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING INCIDENTS OF FIRE IN PANTRY CARS OF SOME TRAINS IN THE RECENT PAST, RAILWAYS ARE DIRECTED TO LAUNCH DRIVE TO PREVENT CASES OF FIRE IN PANTRY CARS. BOARD HAS DESIRED THAT A SPECIAL DRIVE FOR ONE MONTH MAY BE LAUNCHED WITH EFFECT FROM 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 LAYING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPER MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES, BOILER, REFRIGERATOR, CHIMNEYS, WIRING SYSTEMS AND JUNCTION BOXES, ETC. IN PANTRY CARS.
2. WORKING OF OVER LOAD, OVER VOLTAGE PROTECTION DEVICES, USE OF STANDARD SIZE FUSES, MCBs, EARTHING AND PROPER WIRING, INSULATION ESPECIALLY AT JOINTS/JUNCTIONS ETC.
3. FOLLOW UP ON BOARD'S GUIDELINES VIDE LETTER NO. 2007/SAFETY-I/23/9PT.DATED 28.07.2009 FOR A TRIAL OF EFFICACY OF FIRE RETARDANT MATERIAL USED IN COACHES AND ENSURE DEFICIENCIES NOTED IN THE TRIAL ARE COMMUNICATED TO RDSO FOR NECESSARY CORRECTIVE ACTION.
4. ADEQUATE FIRE SUPPRESSION MEASURES AND THEIR PROPER MAINTENANCE IN THE PANTRY CARS. THE STAFF INCLUDING PANTRY CAR STAFF SHOULD BE TRAINED FOR OPERATING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.
5. PREVENTIVE CHECKS REGARDING FIRE SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS OF RAJDHANI AND SHATABDI TRAINS.
6. ALL AC PANTRY CARS SHOULD BE AUDITED AND REPORT GIVEN AS PER FORMAT ENCLOSED. FORMAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON SIMS.

THE DRIVE SHOULD INVOLVE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, SAFETY, SECURITY, SIGNAL AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND INSPECTORIAL STAFF (.) THE REPORT CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE DRIVE SHOULD BE SENT TO BOARD BY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2013.(.)

  
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MEMBER TRAFFIC,  
RAILWAY BOARD**

