

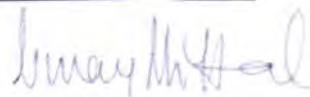
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

DATED 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2013

THE GENERAL MANAGERS,  
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS

NO.2013/SAFETY-I/3/3 (.) THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INCIDENTS IN THE RECENT PAST DUE TO SIGNAL PASSING AT DANGER BY LOCO PILOTS (.) IN THE MOST RECENT CASE THE LOCO PILOT OF A GOODS TRAIN PASSED THE STARTER AND ADVANCED STARTER SIGNAL OF THE MAINLINE OF A STATION SITUATED ON SINGLE LINE SECTION AT DANGER AND ENTERED INTO THE BLOCK SECTION WITHOUT ANY AUTHORITY TO PROCEED (.) THE TRAIN WAS FINALLY STOPPED AT HOME SIGNAL OF THE NEXT STATION (.) THE INQUIRY REVEALED THAT THE LOCO PILOT HAD REMAINED ABSENT FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND THIS WAS HIS FIRST TRIP AFTER JOINING DUTY (.) IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT DRIVERS WHO ARE PERFORMING DUTY AFTER AVAILING HEADQUARTER REST OR JOINING AFTER PROLONGED LEAVE OR ABSENCE ARE PRONE TO COMMIT SPAD (.) IMPERATIVE THAT THEIR SUPERVISORS AND OFFICERS SHOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE WORKING AND BEHAVIOR OF SUCH STAFF (.) DRMs SHOULD FREQUENTLY INTERACT WITH SUPERVISORS OF RUNNING STAFF AND THE CONCERNED BRANCH OFFICERS SHOULD INTERACT WITH LIs ATLEAST ONCE IN 2 MONTHS SPECIALLY FOCUSING ON SAFETY ISSUES (.) LIs SHOULD ALSO BE WELL CONVERSANT WITH THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL BEING OF THE RUNNING STAFF UNDER THEM (.) A DRIVE SHOULD BE LAUNCHED TO COVER THE ABOVE ASPECTS FOR THE NEXT 1 MONTH (.) REPORT CONTAINING FEEDBACK ON ACTION TAKEN SHOULD BE ADVISED TO BOARD (.)

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