

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

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**GENERAL MANAGERS,
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS.**

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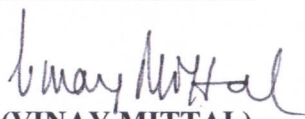
NO. 2012/SAFETY-I/3/1 (.) A SIDE COLLISION OF A GOODS TRAIN WITH A MAIL TRAIN RESULTING IN LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES TOOK PLACE ON EASTERN RAILWAY DUE TO ROLLING DOWN OF GOODS TRAIN WHICH WAS STABLED ON THE MAIN LINE WHILE THE MAIL TRAIN WAS PASSING THROUGH LOOP LINE. THIS SEEMS TO HAVE HAPPENED DUE TO NON OBSERVANCE OF RULES FOR SECURING OF STABLED LOADS.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT A MONTH LONG DRIVE MAY BE LAUNCHED TO COVER THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS REGARDING SECURING OF VEHICLES AT STATIONS:

- (i) WHENEVER VEHICLES/LOAD IS STABLED ON RUNNING LINES OR SIDINGS, IT MUST BE:-
 - (a) CHAINED AND PAD LOCKED;
 - (b) SECURED BY USE OF WOODEN WEDGES/SPRAGS ETC.;
 - (c) COUPLED WITH OTHER VEHICLES.
- (ii) HAND BRAKES OF AT LEAST SIX WAGONS FROM EITHER END MUST BE FULLY TIGHTENED. IN CASE COACHING VEHICLES ARE STABLED, GUARDS HAND BRAKES IN SLR/SLRS MUST BE APPLIED. THE HAND BRAKES SHOULD BE OPERATED UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF GUARD AND IN THE ABSENCE OF GUARD BY SM/ASM ON DUTY.
- (iii) THE POINTS MUST BE SET, CLAMPED AND LOCKED AGAINST THE BLOCKED LINE/LINES AND SCOTCH BLOCKS WHEREVER AVAILABLE SHOULD BE USED TO ISOLATE THE LINE/LINES AND THE KEYS KEPT WITH STATION MASTER.
- (iv) STOP COLLARS MUST BE PLACED ON RELEVANT SIGNAL AND POINTS BUTTONS/LEVERS.
- (v) REMARK TO THE EFFECT THAT 'LINE NO. ____ IS BLOCKED' BE MADE IN TSR/SM DIARY.
- (vi) AFTER ANY RAKE IS STABLED, THE STATION MASTER MUST INFORM THE SECTION CONTROLLER UNDER EXCHANGE OF PRIVATE NUMBER THAT ALL LAID DOWN PRECAUTIONS FOR STABLING HAVE BEEN TAKEN. THE SECTION CONTROLLER MUST OBTAIN THIS ASSURANCE FROM STATION MASTER BEFORE ALLOWING THE NEXT TRAIN TO PASS THROUGH THE STATION.
- (vii) AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SPRAGS, WEDGES, CHAINS AND PADLOCKS SHOULD BE ENSURED AND THESE SHOULD BE OF STANDARD DESIGN.

THE FEEDBACK ON THE ABOVE SHOULD BE GIVEN ON DAILY BASIS SIMS WEBSITE.

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