

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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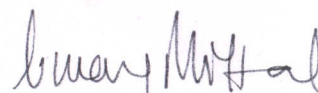
THE GENERAL MANAGERS,
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS

NO.2012/SAFTY-I/3/4 (.) IN A DERAILMENT AT BHUJ STATION OF WESTERN RAILWAY ON 03.04.2012 THE LOCO AND 3 FRONT COACHES ENTERED INTO DEAD END WHILE THE TRAIN WAS BEING ADMITTED AT THE TERMINAL STATION (.) PRIMA FACIE THE ACCIDENT IS ATTRIBUTED TO FAILURE OF TRAIN CREW TO CONNECT BRAKE PIPE FROM THE LOCO TO THE FIRST COACH AND CONNECTING ONLY THE FEED PIPE AT THE TIME OF RESORTING TO SINGLE PIPE WORKING ON THE TRAIN WHILE ATTENDING TO ACP, THUS RESULTING IN TRAIN BECOMING UNBRAKED (.) THE GUARD ALSO FAILED TO DETECT ZERO PRESSURE IN THE BRAKE PIPE FROM HIS PRESSURE GAUGE IN SLR (.) CREW AND GUARD ALSO FAILED TO PERFORM CONTINUITY TEST AND BRAKE FEEL TEST AS PER GR 4.32 AND SR 4.32 (9) (C) OF WESTERN RAILWAY (.)

RAILWAYS ARE DIRECTED TO LAUNCH A 15 DAY DRIVE TO COVER THE ABOVE ASPECTS (.) DURING THE DRIVE, IT SHOULD BE ENSURED THAT WHENEVER INTEGRITY OF THE RAKE IS DISTURBED OR ANY BRAKE DEFECT OR IRREGULARITY, WHICH AFFECTED THE CONTINUITY OF BRAKE SYSTEM IS DETECTED OR ATTENDED ENROUTE, **AIR PRESSURE CONTINUITY TEST MUST BE DONE BEFORE STARTING THE TRAIN AND BRAKE FEEL TEST SHOULD ALSO BE DONE IN THE FIRST BLOCK SECTION** (.) GUARDS SHOULD BE VIGILANT SO AS TO ENSURE ADEQUACY OF PRESSURE AND CONTINUITY OF BRAKE POWER FROM THE BP GAUGE OF SLR (.) PROPER TRAINING TO RUNNING STAFF MUST BE IMPARTED IN RESETTING THE ACP HANDLE, ISOLATING THE COACH, TEMPORARY CHANGING BRAKING SYSTEM FROM TWIN PIPE TO SINGLE PIPE, READING SIGNS OF MALFUNCTIONING OF BRAKING SYSTEM OF TRAIN, ETC. (.) DURING THE DRIVE, EMPHASIS MUST ALSO BE GIVEN ON ENSURING PROPER CHECKS DURING PRIMARY MAINTENANCE (.) IT MUST BE ENSURED THAT BRAKE SYSTEM INCLUDING ACP APPARATUS, ISOLATING COCK AND DISTRIBUTOR VALVE ARE IN WORKING ORDER, ESPECIALLY IN NEWLY RECEIVED COACHES (.) LOCO INSPECTORS SHOULD BE DEPUTED FOR PICTORIAL METHODS OF EDUCATING THE RUNNING STAFF ABOUT DEFECTS IN THE BRAKING SYSTEM AND CORRECT METHOD TO RECTIFY THE SAME (.) A FEEDBACK MUST BE SENT TO BOARD AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE DRIVE (.)

HON'BLE MR HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL SUCH LAPSES MUST BE VIEWED VERY SERIOUSLY AND STRICT DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST DELINQUENT STAFF, AND RESPONSIBILITY MUST ALSO BE FIXED AT HIGHER LEVELS FOR SUCH FAILURES OCCURRING ON LINE (.)

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