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**GENERAL MANAGERS,
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS,
INCLUDING KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION**

NO. 2017/SAFETY-1/3/3(.) FEW INCIDENCES OF UNCOUPLING IN PASSENGER TRAINS (LOCOMOTIVE GETTING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION) HAVE COME TO BOARD'S NOTICE. WITH A VIEW TO CHECK SUCH CASES, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT ZONAL RAILWAYS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LAUNCH A SAFETY DRIVE FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN DAYS. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED WHILE COUPLING OF CBCs / SCREW COUPLING BETWEEN COACH TO COACH OR LOCOMOTIVE TO COACH:

1. THE CBC OF THE COACHING STOCK SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS PER RDSO'S MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS NO. RDSO/2006/CG/CMI-01 REVISION 1 DATED 29.07.2010. THE LOCO CBC SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS PER RDSO'S TECHNICAL BOOKLET NO.G-76 AND BULLETIN NO.MP.IB.LD.01.17.10 (REV.00) DATED 07.04.2010.
2. ALL CONCERNED STAFF SHOULD BE COUNSELLED ON ASPECTS OF SAFE MAINTENANCE AND FOR FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED PROCEDURES / PRECAUTIONS WHILE UNDERTAKING THE MAINTENANCE / REPAIR OF COUPLERS IN COACHES/LOCOMOTIVES.
3. ENSURE THAT COACHES TO BE COUPLED TOGETHER ARE DEAD STOPPED AT A DISTANCE OF 1-2 METER FROM EACH OTHER. IN CASE OF COUPLING WITH LOCOMOTIVE, IT SHOULD BE 2-3 METRE.
4. ALIGN THE TWO COUPLERS TO BRING THEM IN THE GATHERING RANGE.
5. ENSURE THAT KNUCKLE OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE COUPLER IS OPEN. WHEN COUPLING WITH LOCOMOTIVE, KNUCKLE OF LOCOMOTIVE SHOULD BE PREFERABLY OPENED. HOWEVER, WHEN SITUATION DEMANDS MORE GATHERING RANGE KNUCKLES OF BOTH THE COUPLERS MAY BE OPENED.
6. ENSURE THAT SPEED AT THE TIME OF COUPLING SHOULD BE 2 TO 3 KMPH.
7. ENSURE THAT THE LOCK LIFT LEVERS OF BOTH THE COUPLERS ARE COMPLETELY DROPPED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT KNUCKLES ARE LOCKED BUT THE LOCK LIFT LEVER IS NOT FULLY DROPPED. THIS SITUATION IS THE MOST DANGEROUS AS IT GIVES FALSE INDICATION OF COUPLER LOCKING. THE COUPLER MAY OPEN DURING RUN. ENSURING COMPLETE DROPPING OF LOCK LIFT LEVER IS IMPORTANT.

