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No. 2017/TG-III/645/02

New Delhi, dated: 6/08/2019

The Principal Chief Commercial Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

CMD/IRCTC
New Delhi

Sub :- Prohibition of flame based cooking in Pantry Cars –Implementation of
recommendations of High Level Safety Review Committee.

Ref:- Board's Letter of even no. dated 10/10/2018, 23/05/2019, 12/06/2019 & 19/07/2019.

This refers to the recommendation of the High Level Safety Review Committee (Kakodkar Committee) that existing instructions prohibiting cooking in pantry cars should be strictly enforced and that license of violating contractors should be cancelled and they should be severely penalized if found cooking. This recommendation has been accepted by the Board and expeditious implementation is being sought.

Board's instructions as referred above have been issued regarding prohibition of flame based cooking in Pantry Cars. Recently a Special Drive was launched to ensure compliance on this issue. The reports received from Zonal Railways have given rise to fresh concern that progress in this regard has been slow and that flame cooking is being carried out in most pantry cars.

In view of the safety risk associated with flame cooking in pantry cars, it is decided that flame based cooking shall not be permitted in pantry cars beyond 06.09.2019. Accordingly, IRCTC is advised to ensure that meals/cooked food are supplied from the nominated Kitchens as envisaged in the extant policy. Further, Zonal Railways/IRCTC shall take necessary action for modification/fitment of pantry car equipments as per the requirement and available loads so that complaint free catering services to passengers is continued to be provided.

IRCTC and PCCMs of the concerned Zonal Railways shall also depute one nodal officer each at Division Level to co-ordinate with the Mechanical Coaching /Electrical Engineering Deptts./Primary Maintenance Depots to ensure availability/working of Pantry Car equipments like boilers/hot cases etc. and elimination of LPG based fillings in pantry cars so that flame based cooking in pantry cars must not be permitted beyond the timeline stipulated above, and compliance in this matter may be sent to the Board.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

This may be treated as URGENT.


6/8/19
(Philip Varghese)
Director/T&C
Railway Board

Copy to :- (i) The General Managers, All Zonal Railways for kind information please.

(ii) EDME/Coaching (iii) EDEE (G) for information and with request to direct all concerned to ensure compliance of Joint Procedure Orders issued vide Board's letter of even number dated 10.10.2018.

