

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

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**The General Managers,
Zonal Railways**

Sub: Review and updating of Accident Manual.

Railway Board vide letter No.2000/Safety (A&R)/19/20 dated 13.12.2000 issued definition and reclassification of Accidents on Indian Railways. This letter has given definition of train, passenger train, accident, injuries, threshold value for declaring a serious accident, classification of accident, etc. The content of this letter is the main part of all Accident Manuals issued by Zonal Railways

2. Railway Board in Video Conference on 15.04.2020 has identified 20 items for increasing the efficiency of Railways. Out of these 20 items, **review and updating of Accident Manual** has been identified as one of the items. For this item, ED/Safety has been nominated as Nodal Officer.

3. As the major portion of the Accident Manual is common to all Zonal Railways, therefore, it has been decided by Board (CRB) that it should be prepared by Railway Board on similar lines to General Rules (GR) and the subjects or items which are specific to Zonal Railways should be supplemented by the Zonal Railways similar to Subsidiary Rules (SR). Any further correction/modification on the main subject will be done by Railway Board as is being done in case of GR and the correction/modification of the subjects which are Zonal Railway specific should be done by the Zonal Railways on similar lines of SR. Based on this concept, the following course of action has been approved by CRB:

- (i) At Zonal level, GM will nominate a committee comprising of officers having domain knowledge on this subject from operating, civil, mechanical, electrical, S&T and safety department to review and update the existing provisions of Accident Manual of their railways and send the updated Accident Manual to Railway Board within one month from the date of constitution of the Committee. PCSO/CSO will be the convener and coordinator of the committee. As per the decision of the Railway



Board communicated to Zonal Railways vide letter No.98 Safety I-27/1/Vol.II dated 28-01-2015, CTE, CELE. CSE, COM/G, CRSE/CRSE(Chg) are nodal officers for Safety matters for their respective departments. The Convenor of Committee will pick up the officers from other departments having domain knowledge on Safety matters in consultation with PHOD/CHOD of concerned departments and with approval of GM.

- (ii) A Committee of ED/Safety-I, ED/Safety-II and ED/Safety(M) at Railway Board level will examine the existing Accident Manuals of different Zonal Railways and segregate the common portion to be dealt at Railway Board. This Committee will also examine the draft Accident Manual sent by the Zonal Railways after revision/updating.
- (iii) The segregated and revised/updated common portion/provisions of Accident Manual will be circulated to Zonal Railways for remarks and suggestions within stipulated time. The Committee of EDs will review the suggestions received and put up to final draft to the concerned Board Members for approval. The approved common portion will be issued as General Safety Guidelines (**Part I of Accident Manual**) and Zonal Railways will add the Zonal Railway specific instructions/ information such as location of ARME, ART, etc as Subsidiary Safety Guidelines (**Part II of Accident Manual**). Accident Manual containing Part I & Part II will be prepared in electronic form as well as hard copy and will be circulated to all concerned for compliance.

4. Immediate action as indicated in para "3(i)" above be initiated and draft Accident Manual be submitted for consideration of Board within a period of 1 month from the date of constitution of the Committee.

Action taken by the Zonal Railways in this regard may be apprised to the Board at the earliest.



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