

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2017/Sec(Spl)/Ticket Checking

New Delhi, dated: 19.09.2017

Chief Security Commissioners/RPF,
All Zonal Railways, ICF, KRCL, CORE, CONST., RDSO.

Chief Security Commissioner/RPSF
Dayabasti, Delhi.

Director,
JR RPF Academy, Lucknow.

Directive No. 38

Subject: Role of RPF in Ticket Checking.

1. Indian Railway Commercial Manual authorises only Ticket Checking staff to do ticket checking. Section 535 of the Manual explains that 'intent to defraud' is an essential ingredient of offence u/s 137 of the Railways Act. Ticket Collector or Travelling Ticket Examiner may deal with cases of passengers travelling without ticket u/s 137 only when there are elements in the facts of any case which indicate the intent to defraud.
2. Section 179 (2) of the Railways Act authorises officers, of and above the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector, in RPF to arrest offenders of sections 137 and 138 without warrant or other written authority and section 180A gives authority to make an enquiry for ascertaining facts and circumstances of the offence.
3. Therefore, provisions of the Railways Act read with the Indian Railway Commercial Manual make it clear that ticket checking and levy of excess charge are to be done only by Ticket Checking Staff and intent to defraud has to be ascertained by them. RPF Officers, of and above the rank of ASI, may arrest u/s 137 and 138 of the Railways Act only when an offender is handed over to them with due justification by the ticket checking Staff. Therefore, RPF Staff shall not do any ticket checking of Passengers on their own.
4. RPF personnel shall not be involved in Ticket Checking drives and chasing passengers for this purpose on moving trains and on platforms as it may create panic amongst passengers leading to serious incidents. Any violation of this order shall be viewed seriously and supervisory officers will be held liable for mishaps on this account.


(Dharmendra Kumar)
Director General/RPF
Railway Board

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No.2017/Sec. (Int.)/ 51/ 7/1/5

Dated: 04.10.2017

The CSCs/ RPF,
All Zonal Railways

- Sub : Assistance to ticket checking drive during festive season
- Ref : 1. CIPHER message no 2015/TG-V/5/1 dated 28.09.2017
issued to GMs of Zonal Railways.
2. This office note of even number addressed to
AM/Commercial.

Enclosed please find herewith a note by DG/RPF addressed to AM/Commercial on the subject as above, the contents of which are self explanatory.

You are advised to focus on deployment for prevention of terror acts and law and order arrangements and deploy all available RPF/RPSF staff for this purpose, failing which you will be held responsible for not making adequate arrangements in case of any incident.

This issues with the approval of DG/RPF.

Encl: As above


(SUMATI SHANDILYA)
DIG/RPF/MAC

Note

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Vide the CIPHER message mentioned above, DG/RPF has been requested to provide adequate RPF/RPSF assistance in ticket checking during October, November and December 2017.

2. It may please be appreciated that various festivals like Durgapuja, Diwali and Chhathh are celebrated across the country during these months. The railway stations and trains remain overcrowded and passenger footfall is at its peak.
3. Huge crowd of anonymous persons makes the stations and trains easy targets to the forces inimical to the nation. The threat of terrorist strike has been conveyed in very clear terms by the communiqué received from Intelligence Bureau.
4. In view of the threat of terror attack, RPF/RPSF strength has been mobilised closing the unimportant and non sensitive duties for the purpose of prevention of terror attack on railway stations and trains, making arrangements for crowd control and maintenance of law and order. This deployment will remain in force till the passenger rush wanes after the festival of Chhathh.
5. It is therefore not possible to spare manpower for assistance to ticket checking till the festival rush gets over. You are requested to issue a modified message to all concerned in this regard.
6. It is requested to kindly consult Force HQ, Railway Board prior to planning any such drive in future.


DG/RPF 4/10/17

Addl Member/Commercial