GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2006/Safety (A&R)/3/12 New Delhi, dated .08.2009

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All Indian Railways including
Konkan Railway Corporation

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All Indian Railways.

Principals,
All Zonal Railway Training Institutes.

Sub: ALERT advice No. 06/2009.

Based on the prima-facie causes of consequential train accidents which have taken place recently, following **"ALERTS"** are advised for taking necessary precautions to pre-empt similar occurrences.

- **Freight Train Examination – GDR Check:-**
  - The concept of a GDR Check needs to be understood correctly. The essentials of the GDR Check has the following:-

    - ✓ Adequacy of Air Pressure/Vaccum.
    - ✓ Continuity of Air Pressure/Vacuum from Loco to Last Vehicle.
    - ✓ Success of the Brake Field Test

      In the field the Railways staff has upto now given emphasis on a visual examination by the Loco Pilot/Guard. These are three essential requirements of the GDR Check for safe running of trains as mentioned above. In this regard Board's instructions contained in letter No.2000/Safety(A&R)/19/35 dated 28.07.2009 may be complied with in letter and spirit.

- **Hanger Breakage on Mail/Express trains on NCR:-**
  - A number of cases of hanger and truss bar breakages have been detected in the coaches of Mail/Express trains passing through NCR.

  - Quality of check at primary coaching depots involved viz. **RJPB, DBG, PNBE, DLI, LKO, NDLS, NZM, MFP, BJU, PUI, VSKP, GHY, GKP, HWH, GAYA, KIR, SDAH, MLDT and DR** is perhaps not upto the mark which requires to be improved. Other coaching depots may also ensure maintenance as per prescribed standards.

- **Fire prevention measures in Mail/Express trains:-**
  - Check on loading of inflammable material as parcels in SLRs/VPs.
  - Check in Pantry Cars about LPG fittings, availability of dry chemical powder type fire extinguisher (gas cartridge type). In this regard Board's instructions contained in letter No.2006/Safety(DM)/6/12/1 dated 13.03.2009 may be referred for strict compliance.

- **Derailments due to track defect:-**
  - Derailment of a goods train on Danapur Division of East Central Railway due to **multiple rail fracture.**
  - Derailment of an express train on Asansol Division of Eastern Railway due to **variation of cross level over points.**

- **Derailments of OT wagon at work-site:-**
  - Derailment of a goods train on Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway **as OT wagon derailed at work spot where through packing was in progress.**

Railways/Training Institutions are advised to supplement their efforts during drives, inspections and training courses keeping the above in view.

Hindi version is enclosed.

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