GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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Sub: ALERT advice No. 01/2010.

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

- **Collisions due to over speeding by Loco Pilots after passing Automatic Signal at 'ON' (Red):-**

  - Three rear-end collisions of express trains on Kanpur-Tundla Section of Allahabad Division of North Central Railway as the Loco Pilots did not observe the speed restriction of 8 kmph. after passing Automatic Signal at 'ON' (Red) and failed to stop short of express trains waiting in the Automatic Section ahead.

- **Number of cases of fire in coaches in recent past:-**

  - The AC coaches, Pantry cars and Power Cars are most susceptible to fire**.** In many cases, the fire starts due to electrical short circuit or loose contacts.

  - Fire(smoke) in AC coach of 5652 (Lohit express) on 23.01.2010 on Sonepur Division of East Central Railway.

- In the year 2009-2010 there have been 11 unusual incidents involving fire Mail/Express/Passenger trains, mostly involving AC coaches and Pantry Cars.

- In an earlier case, Power Car of Rajdhani Express caught fire on 08.03.2009 at Rajendra Nagar on East Central Railway. In another case fire broke out in Pantry Car of Rajdhani Express near Mughalsarai on 21.03.2009 due to sparking in Motor of chimney due to short cut (Insulation Failure) and negligence of IRCT staff.

Hindi version of Alert advice No.10 is enclosed. Hindi version of Alert advice No. 01 will be sent with Alert advice No.02/2010.

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