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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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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.

- **Accident at Manned Level Crossing Gate non-interlocked normal position Open to road traffic:-**

  - Dashing of an ambassador car against an express train at manned level crossing gate on Lumbding Division of Northeast Frontier Railway. **The Telephone provided at the gate, connected with the Station, was out of order.**

    One of the essential conditions for having normal position of a manned (non-interlocked) LC Gate as 'open to road traffic' is clear view of the approaching train for the road user. This is not being followed on all the Zonal Railways who have made a few exceptions to this condition. All Zonal Railways may review this. However, where it is considered essential to make an exception by the Railway the safety precautions as under may be taken.

In case the telephone at manned Level Crossing Gates, with normal position "**open to road traffic"** becoming defective (other than at interlocked gates), Railways are advised to treat these LC Gates (which have restricted visibility) to have a working system similar to that applicable for gates with normal position "**closed to road traffic"**.

- **Derailment due to obstruction near track:-**

  - Derailment of a goods train at an iron ore loading station on Mysore Division of South Western Railway due to **obstruction caused by stacked iron ore near the track.** Stacking of the goods next to the line has to be done only after due care is taken as the material has a tendency to slide down towards the track.

- **Fire in Pantry Car:-**

  - Fire in Pantry Car on Tinsukia Division of Northeast Frontier Railway, after it was repaired after its placement in sick line for electrical damage repairs**. Fire occurred in locked condition in the yard apparently due to electrical defect.**

Pantry Cars are vulnerable to fire; hence added precautions are to be taken in the upkeep, maintenance and use of Pantry Car.

Hindi version of Alert advice No.7 is enclosed. Hindi version of Alert advice No. 8 will be sent with Alert advice No.9.

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