Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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Chief Safety Officers
All Indian Railways & KRCL

Sub:- Disaster Management plan-CAG observations.

Comptroller and auditor General of India provisional para on Disaster Management in Indian Railways indicates various shortcomings in the disaster Management plan of Zonal Railways and Divisions. A copy of the provisional para was circulated to Zonal Railways vide this office letter No.2016/Safety (DM)/7/1 dated 15.01.2016.

Audit had pointed out that in only six zonal railways and 25 divisional DM plans, specific plans for crowd management was included. Disaster Management plan of Ministry of Railways issued in September, 2014, vide para 7.6 clearly indicates the role and responsibilities of Zonal Railways for crowd control and management of rush at Railway Stations during festivals. NDMA report on 'Managing Crowd at Events and Venues of Mass Gathering' issued in August, 2014 indicates detailed instructions on crowd management. Zonal Railways may download these instructions from NDMA's website www.ndma.gov.in and incorporate in their DM plans.

Similarly audit pointed out that DMP of only 23 divisions contains safety measures for handling and transportation of hazardous chemical and inflammable materials.

Zonal Railways shall ensure that all the guidelines issued by NDMA and instructions incorporated in DM plan of Ministry Of Railways reflect in the Zonal and Divisional DM plans.

One of the recommendations of the audit was "*Indian Railways needs to enforce regular updating Zonal and Divisional Disaster Management Plans to ensure dovetailing with the State and National Plans. DMPs of Zonal Railways need to include vulnerability profile for different types of disasters and action plan to avert such disasters*".

In view of the above, Zonal Railways shall review their DM plans duly addressing all the shortcomings brought out by audit. Action taken by the Zonal Railway may please be advised to the Board.

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