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Sub:- Inspection by Safety Officers in coaching depots.

Accident trend in the first quarter of year 2014-15 indicates a drastic increase in the number of derailments that took place over Indian Railway. Till date when compared to 10 derailments in the last year, in this year 23 derailments occurred over Indian Railways. To assess and ascertain the effectiveness and efficacy of the inspections carried out by the safety officers, copies of the inspection notes in the pit-lines/washing lines/sick lines for the last one year were obtained from the zonal Railways. From the data received in the Railway Board it is felt that the number of inspections were meagre and the quality of the inspection is not up to the expected levels. In fact, some of the safety officers in the zonal headquarters and in the division have not conducted any inspection in the last one year covering coach maintenance facilities.

It is requested that suitable instructions may be issued to all the safety officers for conducting inspections in the coaching depots atleast once in a quarter with emphasis on safe maintenance practices.

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