Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No.2009/M(L)/467/1 **New Delhi dated 18.06.2010**

General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub:- Replacement of Drivers' and Guards' boxes.
Ref.:- Board letter No.ERB-1/2010/23/21 dated 09.06.2010.

Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) has constituted a Committee to study the issues regarding replacement of Drivers' and Guards' boxes with bags/briefcases. The Terms of reference of the Committee are as under:-

a) To standardize the Guards'/Drivers' equipments;
b) To make some of the equipments as standard complement of loco/guard van;
c) To replace the boxes with a briefcase;
d) To do away with box porters; and
e) To study on the efficacy of the proposed system on the Railways where it has been attempted.

In this connection, the following information may kindly be furnished:

1. Existing system of carrying LP/Guard Box/bag prevalent on your railway/divisions. Compliance of instructions contained in Board's letter no.93/M(L)/467/12 dated 20th January, 2003 for LPs and 86/Safety-I/24/19 dated 15.06.2007 for Guards. Efficacy of the prevalent system on your railway.

2. Grade-wise sanctioned and on roll strength of Box porters/box boys.

3. Contents of guard/LP Box – Item-wise list along with weight for diesel/electric/dual traction Loco Pilots and guards.

4. If the list of equipment for the LPs/guards is at variance with what is specified vide Board's letters given below the justification and authority for including the additional item in the personal equipment should be enclosed.

   (i) Letter No.93/M(L)/467/12 dated 20th January, 2003 for Loco Pilots.
   (ii) ACTM Para 30617, 30618 & 30619 of chapter-VI – Operation of locomotives for Electric Loco Pilots.
   (iii) Letter no. 2003/TT (I)/51/2 dated 20.06.2006 and 86/Safety-I/24/19 dated 15.06.2007 for guards.

5. Details of LPs' tools – item-wise list along with weight. Any additional tools being provided to LPs working DEMU/MEMU. Action taken on Board's letter No.2002/M(L)/165/5 dated 17.12.2003 and 93/M(L)/467/12 dated 28.09.2007.

6. Action taken on Board's letter No.93/M(L)/467/12 dated 15.09.2003 for making hammer and chisel as part of diesel loco equipment. In case, no action was taken reasons for the same may be elaborated.

7. Details of personal equipment carried by ALPs traction-wise. Action taken on Board's letter No.2004/M(L)/165/4 dated 24..07.2006 for providing line bag to ALPs.

8. Action taken for providing a handbook for LPs in terms of Board's letter No.93/M(L)/467/12 dated 23.01.2003 and 2004/Elect.(TRS)/225/8 pt. dated 8.1.2010.

9. Suggestions on the terms of reference no. b, c & d.

All the above referred letters may be accessed on the following link of the Railway Board website:

www.indianrailways.gov.in/directorates/mechanicalengineering/traction/circulars.

Railways are advised to ensure that a consolidated reply is sent on the above covering the Mechanical, Electrical and Traffic departments at directortraction@gmail.com. and fax no. 011-23386285 latest by 28.06.2010. One officer from each railway may also be required to make a presentation in Board office on the above subject in July, 2010 at a short notice.

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Copy to: **COMs/CMEs/CEEs, All Indian Railways.**
Adv.(Safety)/Railway Board for information please.
DEE(RS), JDT(POL), JDF(X) Railway Board for necessary action.