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General Managers,
All Indian Railways,
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Sub:- Medical facilities to railway medical Beneficiaries residing in far-flung areas and way-side railway stations – Introduction of Scheme of Medical Team's Visit by Passenger Trains.

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Railway Health Units are located mostly at a distance of about 80 Kms from one health unit to other health unit. This causes difficulty for the railway medical beneficiaries located at far-flung areas and way side railway stations in getting primary health care. Mostly, such areas are served by one or two pair of local passenger trains which causes difficulties in commuting also. There are certain areas where the beneficiaries waste their whole day only for visiting the doctor of the health unit.

A scheme of deployment of Road Mobile Medical Vans in such areas has been introduced. However, reports have been received that the zones are facing difficulty in deployment of Road Mobile Medical Vans as the doctor engaged by private agency frequently change jobs and the vehicles break down due to difficult terrain.

The above situation needs to be handled with care as providing health care facility is the responsibility of railway management.

The issue has been examined and it has been decided that in the far-flung areas and way-side railway stations where services of Road Mobile Medical Vans are not available, Railways may introduce scheme of deployment of a medical team including doctor and para-medic staff from Divisional/ Sub-divisional Hospitals with essential medicines, in suitable passenger trains (local EMUs should never be chosen) moving from section to section. Such a team may be deployed in a portion of Coach to be ear-marked for the purpose and wide publicity among railway medical beneficiaries should be given informing the details of Coach and days of visit of the team.

It is further clarified that team so deployed would attend railway medical beneficiaries only at the platforms during the halt of the train and if any passenger needs medical aid, that can be handled as per extent rules and provisions.

The scheme on its introduction should be given wide publicity so that the railway medical beneficiaries can avail the facility without any difficulty.

Simultaneously, the efforts should be made to provide Road Mobile Medical Vans at an earliest.

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