भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

रेल भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001, तिथि
Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, dated

Office Order No. 3 of 2008

Attention is invited to Office Order No. 9 of 2007 regarding communication of information to press/media. As per extant instructions/guidelines only Ministers, CRB, Board Members, Secretary, Railway Board, DPR, DIP/JDIP are to disseminate information or be accessible to the representative of the media/press. In case of any other official being approached by media/press for information, the same may be given only after consultation with any of the above officials.

2. Instances of reports on ensuing Railway Budget purported to have been based on official sources in Rail Bhavan are appearing in media/press. Perhaps, the extant instructions on communication of information to the press are not being followed strictly. This has been viewed very seriously by Board(CRB).

3. Attention, in this connection is also invited to the Office Order 30 of 1999, whereby instructions pertaining to 'Communication to the Press' as per provisions made under Para 156 of MOP, was issued. The extant provisions are reiterated again for guidance of all concerned.

Chapter XI, Part-II of Board's MOP

156: Communication of Information to the Press-

i) Official information to the Press and other news media i.e., radio and television will normally be communicated through the Press Information Bureau. However, in the exigency of certain information requiring urgent and speedy dissemination of information, the same may be conveyed directly to the media by the authorized officials mentioned in item (ii) below.

ii) Only Ministers, Board Members, Secretary/Railway Board, Director(PR) and Director(I& P)/JDIP may disseminate information or be accessible to the representative of the media directly. In case of any other official being approached by media for information, the same may be given only after consultation with any of the above officials.

iii) Whenever, it is proposed to release an official information to the press or to hold a Press Briefing or to give publicity to an official report, resolution or any other publication, Director(PR), Director(I&P)/JD(I&P) will be consulted in advance.

3. Attention in this regard is also invited to Rule 11 of Railway Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1966 relating to Official documents and responsibility of government servants.

4. All Officers and Branches are requested to ensure strict compliance of the extant instructions. Any lapse in this regard would be viewed seriously and action shall be initiated against the defaulting official.

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All Officers and Branches in Board's Office.