



Zonal Safety Circular No.-13/2022

Sub:- Responsibility in connection with preservation of clues and evidences at Accident Site.

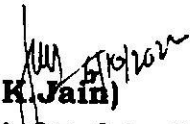
In some of the recent derailment inquiries, it came to notice that the evidence/clues at accident site is neither preserved nor recorded properly. In some cases track/coach reading were not taken as per given proforma of Railway Board/ Accident manual.

Hence, it is hereby advised that:-

- i. Prime responsibilities of Safety Department is to preserve and collect evidences (measurements) at accident sites. Hence Safety Department shall coordinate and arrange for measurements of track and rolling stock as per proforma and also arrange for collection of speedometer data.
- ii. RPF deployed at accident site should report to the safety team & will be responsible for putting "Do Not Cross" tape around the demarcated area (as identified by safety team) and they will also prevent unauthorized access within that area.
- iii. Concerned Branch Officers shall be responsible for making arrangement to preserve/record the evidences/clues at the accident site pertaining to their department.
- iv. The joint measurements shall be taken on proforma and not in individual note books of supervisors of various departments. This proforma has been circulated by Railway Board vide Safety Directorate letter no 2018/Safety (A&R)/1/8 dated 25.01.2019 and also available in Accident Manual of SECR. Necessary blank proforma should be available with supervisors of respective departments.
- v. If derailment occurs at Point and Crossing zone or Point and Crossings comes under 100 meters in rear and 45 m ahead of "0" station, then for that turnout, readings on Points and Crossings should be taken as per IRPWM proforma for detailed inspection of Points and Crossings.
- vi. Measurement/ Observations regarding buffer height and coupling conditions of adjoining vehicles shall also be taken.

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vii. If one particular department refuses or not cooperate in taking joint measurements then the representatives of other departments should jointly take the measurements and finalize. Decision of senior most official from Safety or Operating branch will be binding to all.


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