वांणिज्य परिपत्र कोचिंग सं. 16/2024 COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR (COACHING) NO. 16/2024 2024 का दर सूचना सं. 03 RATE ADVICE NO. 03 of 2024

Sub: Precautions for prevention of fire incidence in the Luggage Vans (SLR) and Parcel Vans attached to passenger carrying trains.

Ref: 1. Railway Board No. 2019/TC(FM)/11/21 dated 27.03.2024 & 16.09.2022.

2. This office CC (Coaching) No. 26/2023 dated 29.09.2023.

Instructions for prevention of fire incidents were re-iterated vide this office letter under reference. In view of a recent fire incidence in SLR of train over CR, the following instructions are reiterated for strict compliance:-

- i. Random surprise checks should be conducted on contents declared as per manifest/forwarding note, against the carriage of inflammable, dangerous articles and keep a record of such checks.
- ii. It must be ensured that leaseholders (and other non-Railway agencies) submit full particulars of the commodities loaded in SLRs/ Parcel Vans in the **manifest** as per the provisions stipulated in the 'Comprehensive Parcel Leasing Policy or 'Policy for e-Auctions' before loading of the consignments in SLRs/ Parcel Vans, so as to avoid any hazardous situation.
- iii. No generic details like courier goods, manihari goods, electric goods, general goods, misc. Goods etc. should be mentioned in the Manifest & Forwarding note.
- iv. Further, leaseholders should be strictly instructed that loading by them in SLRs/ Parcel Vans must be strictly as per the details furnished in the manifest. Any lapse in this regard should be viewed seriously and handled as per the policy provisions.
- v. Commodities such as explosives, dangerous, inflammable articles, empty gas cylinders, dry grass and leaves, waste paper, acids, corrosive substances, etc, as mentioned in Red Tariff and IRCA Coaching Tariff No.25, must not be booked as luggage by passenger trains, and these are prohibited to be carried by any person in the compartment.
- vi. It must be ensured that the fuel-tanks of two-wheelers are properly and fully emptied and wiped with cloth, and these vehicles are properly packed and securely placed on central-stand while loading in the SLRs/ Parcel Vans.
- vii. Sensitization and training of parcel staff as well as the staff of leaseholders, for precautions to be taken while transporting motor-vehicles in SLRs/Parcel Vans, should be ensured.
- viii. Adequate space must be left between roof and the top layer of the packages loaded in SLRs to avoid contact with the ceiling and/or electric fittings.
- ix. After completion of loading, lights provided in the luggage portion of the Brake Vans (SLR) must be switched off to eliminate possibility of short-circuit.

- x. Precaution should be taken for stacking and loading of commodities listed in the Red Tariff, as per the prescribed rules.
- xi. Rules and guidelines regarding booking and carriage of any type of explosives and inflammable materials, by passenger carrying trains must be strictly enforced.
- xii. While loading/ unloading of parcels in the SLRs/ Parcel Vans, smoking and lightening of cigarette/ bidi is strictly prohibited. Parcel staff responsible for loading/unloading of parcels must ensure strict compliance.
- xiii. Maintenance of electrical devices in the passenger coaches and Parcel Vans may be carried out regularly as per the laid down norms.
- xiv. The desired norms for the quality of wiring used in electric junction boxes may be ensured to avoid chances of fire due to electrical short-circuit.
- xv. Random checks against carriage of inflammable/ explosive materials by passenger carrying trains (irrespective of being leased or non-leased traffic) may be intensified.

xvi. Adequate number of checks by the officers of Zonal Railways and Divisions. may be carried out to ensure strict compliance of these instructions.

Previous Commercial Circular (Goods) No. 15/2024 reg Earmarking of reservation quota for persons with disabilities (PwD) in reserved second (2s)/air-conditioned Chair car (CC) डी.बी. कोटांगले /D.B Kotangale सहायक. वाणिज्य प्रबंधक (माल सेवा)/, ACM/FS

दिनांक/Date: 28.03.2024

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