My dear

Sub:– Reporting of Accidents.

Instructions exist that any unusual incident/accident shall be promptly reported by concerned CTE to EDCE(P) for information of ME and AM(CE) and in case of derailment involving passenger train, PCE should also telephonically apprise the details to ME and AM(CE).

On one of the railway, an incident occurred on 27.02.2017 involving derailment of a loaded goods train and only brief information about derailment giving section was advised. But the details viz track structure, feature of derailment, relevant site details, photograph etc. were not sent even till late hours on 28.02.2017.

Railway was also supposed to send appreciation report for every accident occurred on the Railway (Board Cases) promptly. But in the above case, appreciation report was also not sent even after lapse of 36 hours of occurring of accident. The prima facie cause as rail fracture was received from Safety Dte., Railway Board only, but no Engineering Officer from site/HQ bothered to inform about the same. This has been viewed very seriously by Member Engineering, Railway Board. It shall be appreciated that unless details information is available, it is not possible to evaluate the case, which is essentially required during discussion at Board level.

It may please be ensured that such lapses are not repeated. It is the responsibility of PCE & CTE to ensure instructions on reporting accidents are fully complied with and all relevant details including photographs of site are furnished promptly. This should be immediately followed up with appreciation report giving details, photographs from site, site sketch for information.

Please put in a mechanism for prompt reporting of complete details of accidents/unusual occurrences on your Railway.

Your sincerely,

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