GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

FA&CAO,
Central Railway,
Mumbai.

Sub: Implementation of Report on Disaster Management.

In your D.O. letter No. AC/FX/1432 dt. 8/7/2003 addressed to Board (FC), certain doubts have been raised over implementation of High Level Committee’s Report on Disaster Management over Indian Railways. These doubts mainly relate to rules of allocation, competence of sanction of expenditure and action on those items of the report where financial implications are yet to be assessed.

The matter has been examined and it is clarified that for implementation of the items mentioned in the Report, the Zonal Railways should initiate action only in such cases which fall specifically within the powers delegated to the General Managers and do not depend on further detailed examination by Technical and Finance Directorates of Board as indicated in the Report. In Board’s office, nodal Directorates for related items are seized of the matter and necessary guidelines will be issued by them having regard to the time limits indicated in the Report. Incidentally, some guidelines have already been issued as, for example, from Finance (Expenditure) Directorate vide letter of even No. dated 23/6/2003 and from Telecom Directorate vide letters No. 99/Tele/TN/6 dated 01/05/2003, 2000/Tele/TN/1 dated 12/5/2003 and 2002/Tele/AR/7 dated 12/05/2003.

As regards allocation of expenditure and competence of sanction, the existing rules/guidelines/delegation of powers on the subject may be followed.

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