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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub.: Naming of passenger carrying trains.

Requests from public are often received for naming passenger carrying trains after important personalities, various deities, places of worship etc. Hitherto, trains have been named after cities, States, regions, rivers, mountain ranges, dynasties, special characteristic of the train etc. Ministry of Railways have scrupulously avoided naming trains after personalities, deities etc. or giving any name with religious connotations which may lead to counter claims and controversies.

In this connection attention is invited to the minutes of the Operating Meeting held in Board's office on 24-4-1976 which is reproduced below:-

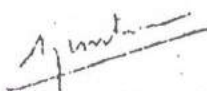
Naming of trains:

"While introducing new trains, Railway should not give any specific names without the approval of the Board to avoid raising unnecessary controversies."

Further attention is also invited to the then M.F.'s D.O. letter No. 75/Chg. II/22/21 dt. 31.3.1976 addressed to General Manager, South Central Railway, and copied to other Railways intimating Board's decision that, in future, no particular name should be given to a train without the specific approval of the Ministry and that a train should be known by the pair of stations it serves.

As naming of trains is a delicate matter and is likely to stir/sentiments of the people, Zonal Railways must ensure that the foregoing instructions are rigidly followed, giving no scope of complaint whatsoever. At the time of introduction of new trains Railways may, however, come up with their suggestions for suitable names keeping in view the above instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt.


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