The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways,
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Sub: Observance of two minutes silence on 30th January (Martyr's Day) in the memory of those who sacrificed their lives during struggle for India's freedom.

Please find enclosed a copy of Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 2/1/2021-Public dated 18th January, 2021 on the above subject for necessary action/compliance.

Please acknowledge receipt.

DA: As above.

(Anita Gautam)
Director Estt.(General)
Railway Board
No. 2/1/2021-Public
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

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North Block, New Delhi.
Dated 18th January, 2021

To,

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all
State Governments/Union Territory Administrations

Subject:- Observance of silence on 30th January (Martyrs’ Day) in the memory of
those who sacrificed their lives during struggle for India’s freedom.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that on 30th January, every year, two minutes’ silence is
observed at 11.00 AM., throughout the country, in the memory of those who sacrificed
their lives during the struggle for India's freedom.

2. The following standing instructions have been laid down for observance of this
day:

(i) Silence should be observed and work and movement stopped for two
minutes throughout the country at 11.00 A.M. on 30th January.

(ii) Wherever feasible, the commencement and termination of the two minutes’
silence period should be indicated by sound of siren or Army guns. Sirens
should be sounded from 10.59 hours till 11.00 hours and after two
minutes, all clear sirens should again be sounded from 11.02 hours till
11.03 hours. This procedure may be adopted where sirens exist.

(iii) On hearing the signal (wherever available), all persons would stand up and
observe the silence.

(iv) At places where no signal systems is available, suitable instructions can
be issued to all concerned for observing the silence for two minutes at
11.00 A.M.

3. In the past, it has been observed that while two minutes’ silence is observed in
some offices, the general public goes about its occupation in the ordinary course,
unmindful of the solemnity of the occasion. The State/Union Territories Governments
are requested to ensure that the Martyrs’ Day is observed with due solemnity.
State/Union Territories Government may issue instructions to all educational
institutions and Public Sector Enterprises under their control for observance of the
Martyrs’ Day, accordingly. Talks, speeches on freedom struggle, national integration
may be organised in hybrid mode.

4. It may be ensured that the Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures
(SoPs) issued from time to time regarding COVID-19 are strictly adhered to while
observing Martyrs’ Day.

Yours faithfully,

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New Delhi, the 18th January, 2021

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