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(RAILWAY BOARD रेलवे बोर्ड)

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General Managers,
All Indian Railways (Including PUs)

Sub:- Provisional Paragraph No.4 regarding Review on "Disaster Management in Indian Railways".

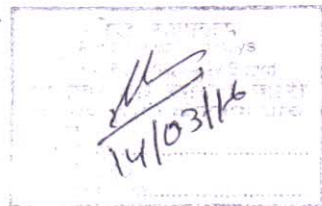
Extract of Audit findings contained in Para 3.2 of provisional paragraph No.4 on the above cited subject is reproduced below:-

3.2 Preparedness of Railway Hospitals

"Disaster Management Plan 2009 of IR provides for a Hospital Disaster Plan for prompt and effective medical care to affected people. The plan should be based on NDMA Guidelines on Medical Preparedness and Mass Casualty Management. Hospital DM plan should also address a situation where the hospital itself has been affected by a disaster due to fire, explosion, flooding or earthquake. Hospital Disaster Management Plan should be tested once a year by mock drills for updating.

Tests check of records of 17 Central Hospital and 31 Divisional Hospitals related to preparation of DMP and availability of requisite infrastructure to effectively deal with the impact of disaster revealed the following:

- I. Hospital Disaster Management Plan was not available in nine Central Hospitals.
- II. DMPs were not available in 15 divisional hospitals.
- III. 10 Central Hospitals and Divisional Hospitals out of 68 Divisions of Indian Railway had conducted mock drills once a year.
- IV. There were shortages of 137 Doctors and 1400 other medical staff.
- V. 444 Doctors (44 per cent) and 6632 Para Medical Staff (62 per cent) were not trained in Disaster Management.
- VI. Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Disaster training was not imparted to doctors in any of the Zonal Railways.



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- VII. Casualty beds were not available in Central Hospitals of NCR and SECR and divisional hospitals of SC (SCR), BSP (SECR), JBP (WCR), Mumbai (CR), NBQ, RNY (NFR) and Delhi (NR).
- VIII. Blood Banks were available only in six Central Hospitals out of 17 and in six Divisional Hospitals out 31 Divisional Hospitals.
- IX. Ambulances were not available in ER (SDAH, MLDT and ASN), NFR (MLG Central Hospital and NBQ), SCR (SC), SER (KGP and CKP), SR (TVC) and MR/Kolkata.

Thus, majority of Central and Divisional Hospitals had not prepared their DMPs and did not address a situation where the hospital itself was affected by fire, explosion, flooding or earthquake. Annual mock drills were also not conducted as prescribed in IRDMP 2009. Doctors were not specially trained in treatment of injuries from CBRN disasters.”

Zonal Railways are requested to ensure necessary corrective steps taken by concerned departments in respect of above findings of Audit. The steps taken to remove the deficiencies, wherever they exist, may be advised to the undersigned at the earliest.

This has the approval of Board (MS).


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