

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

No. 97/Safety-I/11/9

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General Managers  
All Indian Railways  
CMD/ KRCL

Sub:- Working of Mail/Express trains by Loco Pilot(Goods) in emergency.

Ref:- (i) Board's letter No. 97/M(safety)/7/2/c/4(i) dated 20.10.1997  
(ii) Board's letter No. 97/Safety-I/11/9 dated 31.07.1997

Instructions were issued vide letters under reference for working of Mail/Express trains by Loco Pilot(Goods) in emergency and in case of diverted trains. Board has reviewed these instructions in view of references received from Zonal Railways and it is decided that the following instructions should be followed:-

- i. Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto Express should not run by LP (Goods) under any circumstances. If necessary, trains should be run by withdrawing regular Loco Pilots from the scheduled links.
- ii. Generally Mail/Express trains and Diverted Mail/Express trains should be run by Loco Pilot (Mail/Pass). If LP(Mail/Pass) is not available to work these trains then,
  - a) All divisions should prepare a panel of adequate number of LP (Goods) holding 'A'- Grade.
  - b) Panel of such LP (Goods) should be drawn duly screening them by Traction and Safety Officers.
  - c) These trains will be run by the empanelled LP (Goods) as per the point (a) above.
  - d) In case an empanelled LP (Goods), as per point (a) above is not available, then an LI must accompany the Loco Pilot on the foot-plate.
- iii. In case competent Loco Pilot as specified above is not available for running a particular type of locomotive, then the power should be changed with another type for which competent crew is available.
- iv. Even in cases where Mail/Express posts are vacant and the division are not able to conduct selections/suitability due to some reasons, it is to be ensured that they should draw up a panel of LP (Goods) holding 'A' - Grade, who should be engaged to work Mail/Express trains.

The above instructions should be complied strictly.

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