

**Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)**

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No.2003/TT (I)/51/2

New Delhi, dt. .06.2006

**General Managers ,  
All Indian Railways  
Metro Railway, Kolkatta  
Konkan Railway Corporation, Navi Mumbai**

**Sub: Replacement of Guard's Line Boxes with Briefcase.  
Ref: Board's letter No.85/Safety-I/24/19 dated 20.05.1988.**

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The subject of replacing Guard's Line Box with Briefcase and standardization of personal equipments for Guards was under consideration and the Board have approved that:-

1. First-aid boxes earlier provided as personal equipment of the Mail/Express/Passenger Guards will now become an item of brake-van equipment, to be provided by the Station Master at the originating station and kept in the same cupboard in which items like portable control telephone, portable train lighting equipment, fire extinguishers, wooden wedges, portable stretchers, etc. are kept as per Board's letter No.98/Safety (A&R)/19/21 dated 28.2.2000.
2. Vacuum Gauges will also cease to be an item of personal equipment of Goods Guard and will be issued to outgoing Guards of vacuum Goods trains by the concerned lobby and deposited back.
3. Similarly the tail board is also not required to be carried by Guard as personal equipment as GR 4.16(1) (a) permits an unlit red painted tail lamp of approved design in lieu of tail board during day.

The instructions and amendments to Subsidiary Rules/procedures regarding provision and refilling of First aid box, occasional balancing of vacuum gauge between lobbies and permitting extinguished tail lamp to work as tail board during day will be issued by the Railways.

The revised personal equipment of the Guards will thus be as under:-

**Items for Guards working Mail/Express/Passenger trains:**

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Name of Item</b>	<b>Weight as per new RDSO standards</b>
1	Torch cum Hand Signal Lamp	800 gm.
2.	2 Red Flags and one Green Flag mounted on Stick	375 gm.
3.	Detonators in a Tin Case (10 Nos.)	525 gm.
5.	A Fusee	150 gm.
5.	Extract of relevant rules	300 gm.
6.	Working Time Table with Appendix	350 gm.
7.	One Whistle	34 gm.
8.	Tail Lamp	1200 gm.

9.	Rough Journal	350 gm.
10.	Guard's Certificate Book	250 gm.
11.	Guard's Memo Book	230 gm.
12.	Padlocks (3 Nos. – 2 large and 1 small)	600 gm + 200 gm.
13.	Chain with a suitable lock for securing Briefcase	175 gm.
14.	Carriage Key	100 gm.
15.	ACP Resetting Keys	100 gm.
16.	Complaint/Suggestion Book	275 gm.
	<b>Total Weight</b>	<b>6014 gm.</b>

**Items for Guards working Goods trains :**

S.N.	Name of Item	Weight as per new RDSO standards
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2.	2 Red Flags and one Green Flag mounted on Stick	375 gm.
3.	Detonators in a Tin Case (10 Nos.)	525 gm.
4.	A Fusee	150 gm.
5.	Extract of relevant rules	300 gm.
6.	Working Time Table with Appendix	350 gm.
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9.	Rough Journal	350 gm.
10.	Guard's Memo Book	230 gm.
11.	Padlocks (3 Nos. – 2 large and 1 small)	600 gm + 200 gm.
12.	Air Pressure Gauge	210 gm.
13.	Chain with suitable lock for securing Briefcase	175 gm.
	<b>Total Weight</b>	<b>5499 gm.</b>

In addition each Guard while on duty shall continue to have with him two pairs of such spectacles as he is required to wear under medical advice and a watch.

The standardized light weight items as per specifications of the same will be carried in a Briefcase by the Guard himself and as the implementation of the above progresses, Railways should also keep reviewing the strength of Box Porter by suitably redeploying the staff. The General Managers with the help of COM and with the concurrence of FA & CAO should ensure that this exercise of providing Briefcase is expenditure neutral through economy measures.

This issues with the approval of Board. Please acknowledge receipt and advise implementation.

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Executive Director/Safety  
Railway Board

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