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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

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**The General Managers,
All Indian Railways
Including Production Units**

**Sub: Medical treatment of Railway passengers involved in accidents /
untoward accidents.**

The matter regarding amendment to Para 711 (7) & (8) and Para 712 of Indian Railway Medical Manual, 2000, on the subject cited above has been examined in Board's Office and it has been decided by Board to accept the recommendations of Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle which were made vide Para No. 9.2 of the Inquiry Report on Derailment of 7201 Golconda Express at Warangal Station in Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway on 02.7.2003. The following changes have been made in the provisions contained in para 711 (7) & (8) & Para 712 of Indian Railway Medical Manual, 2000 (Volume-II):-

2. The existing provisions contained in para 711 (7) of IRMM, 2000, (Vol-II) "The injured persons, other than Railway beneficiaries, should be shifted, as far as possible, to the nearest non-railway hospital except in the following circumstances" may be amended to read as "The injured persons should be sent to nearby Govt./ Railway Hospital. If no Govt. or Railway Hospital is available nearby, victims can be sent to nearby private hospital. Full powers in this connection will be exercised by General Manager. General Manager's decision will be final."

3. Similarly, at present there are no directives on treatment of trespassers & persons traveling dangerously (U/s. 147 & 156 of Indian Railway Act, 1989). Therefore, it has now been decided "to provide emergency medical treatment to such injured persons also and to send them to nearest Government Hospital. However, the mere fact that the Railway is providing medical aid does not bestow any right on the injured person, covered U/s 147 & 156 of Indian Railway Act, 1989, to claim any compensation from Railways".

Advance Correction Slip to Paras 711 (7) & (8) and Para 712 of IRMM' 2000

Para 711 (7)

- (i) Injured person as a result of Rly. accident (u/s 123 of I.R. Act,1989) and untoward incidence (u/s 124-A of I.R. Act, 1989) are to be provided emergency first aid at the site of accident / incidence and then to be shifted promptly to nearest suitable hospital which may be a Govt. Hospital, Rly. Hospital or Private Hospital.
- (ii) Persons injured due to trespassing (u/s 147 of I.R. Act, 1989) and travelling dangerously (u/s 156 of I.R. Act, 1989) are to be provided emergency first aid and then to be shifted promptly to nearest Govt. Hospital.
- (iii) However, the mere fact that the Railway is providing medical aid does not bestow any right on the injured persons covered u/s 147 and 156 of I.R. Act, 1989 to claim any compensation from Railways.

Para 711 (8)

Injured persons as a result of Rly. accident (u/s 123 of I.R. Act, 1989) and untoward incidences (u/s 124 of I.R. Act,1989) when admitted in any Govt./Railway. or Private Hospital, a close watch to be kept on medical treatment need of the patient and the extend of medical facilities available in that hospital. In case there is inadequate medical facilities the patient should be promptly shifted to a Higher medical center which can be either a Govt. Hospital, Railway Hospital or Private Hospital.

Para 712

- (i) Referring the injured persons, injured due to Railway accident (u/s 123 of I.R. Act, 1989) or untoward incidences (u/s 124-A of I.R. Act, 1989) to a hospital. Injured person as a result of Railway accident (u/s 123 of I.R. Act, 1989) and untoward incidence (u/s 124-A of I.R. Act, 1989) are to be provided emergency first aid at the site of accident / incidence and then to be shifted promptly to nearest suitable hospital which may be a Govt. Hospital, Railway Hospital or Private Hospital.
- (ii) All the expenditure of Govt. / Railway or Private Hospital to be borne by railway administration.
- (iii) Bills of the Govt. Hospital / Private Hospital should be scrutinized & passed by CMS / MS in charge of the Divisional Hospital with the concurrence of Associated Finance of the Division."

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