भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे बोर्ड) (Railway Board)

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General Managers, All Zonal Railways

Sub: Training of on-board staff in handling fire fighting equipments.

During the current financial year 2019-20, there have been seven cases of fire accidents. In almost all the seven cases, enquiry committees have, among various recommendations, indicated inadequate training of escorting staff in handling of on-board train equipment as well as fire fighting equipment. Proper training of all on-board staff could have resulted in prevention as well as containment of fire limiting the damage to railway property.

- 2. In order to ensure that such cases do not happen in future and, in case of any eventuality, the damage is contained, it is essential that all on-board staff of all departments, whether departmental or contractual, be imparted extensive training in use and operation of on-board fire fighting equipment. Competency Certificates in use of fire fighting equipment could also be issued to the duly trained staff.
- 3. A line in confirmation with regard to implementation of the above directions may be sent to the undersigned.

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