

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

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**The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways & PUs,
CMD/ KRCL and,
DG/RDSO.**

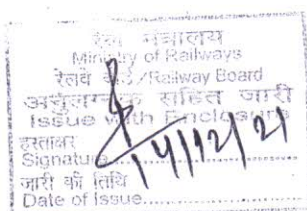
Sub : Measures to prevent Fire in coaches originating from toilet dustbins.

In last 3 years, 17 fire accidents occurred on passenger trains on IR and many of them were on account of fire originating from the coach toilets. Smoking and / or disposing the burning cigarette butt/ match stick in the toilet dustbins is a major hazard. Reckless behaviour by a few passengers is posing a safety threat for the others on trains. In order to eliminate this risk, the following action plan is issued for implementation by the 31st Dec 2021, positively :

- (i) Loose Non-metallic / FRP dustbins should be replaced by metallic dustbins in all coach toilets by zonal railways and all PUs should henceforth, provide only metallic bins;
- (ii) In case built-in bins in a modular toilet are FRP, a loose metallic bin may be provided inside or railways may devise a scheme to avoid direct contact of FRP with burning waste. PUs should completely shift to metallic dustbins even for built-in bins at the earliest.
- (iii) Awareness campaign should be run intensively using all forms of media to specifically tell people to refrain from smoking on board.
- (iv) Smoking on trains should not be tolerated and controlled strictly by RPF and ticket checking staff by imposing penalty on violators as per extant rules. Zero tolerance must be the policy.
- (v) Pictorial or otherwise sticker should be pasted in all toilets to caution passengers against smoking in the coach toilet and disposing any burning object in the dustbin.

Completion of implementation may please be confirmed within the target and appraised to the Board.

This issues with the approval of competent Authority.



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