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Sub: Train operation during Fog – Dislocation in train operations and review of Safety instructions.

During the current year in winter, the fog was very severe resulting into unprecedented dislocation to train operations. Safety during train operation was affected too as there were three rear end collisions involving mail/express trains on North Central Railway.

Based on the directions from the Board (MT), the entire gamut of working of trains in foggy weather and existing instructions thereon needed a fresh look. Accordingly, a Presentation was made to the Board (MT) on 09.04.2010 on the suggestions for revised instructions drafted by Safety Directorate by incorporating the views of the Zonal Railways and Delhi Division, Northern Railway as also of ZRTIs Chandausi and Udaipur.

Based on the discussions during the meeting on 09.04.2010, experience of train operations during fog this year, lesson learnt therefrom and rules (provisions in G&SR) and existing instructions issued from time to time on the subject matter and other inputs, so received, a detailed note has been prepared by Safety Directorate, Railway Board.

Board (MT) has desired that views and comments of some of the Zonal Railways, as addressed, may be obtained before taking a final decision on making out the revised instructions for train operation during fog

Accordingly, a copy of the detailed note is enclosed for perusal and furnishing comments and suggestions.

Matter most immediate.

Encl: As above

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