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The General Manager, All Indian Railways

Sub:- Statutory Investigation and Inquiries into Railway Accidents.

Statutory investigation and inquiries into serious railway accidents are conducted by the Commission of Railway Safety as per provisions of Section 114 of the Railway Act. The Zonal Railways need to be reiterated the procedure to be followed on the Recommendations of the CRSs inquiry on matters of policy as also to appreciate its importance.

As per the procedure in force the Report of the Inquiry conducted by the CRS is forwarded to the Zonal Railways and separately to the CCRS and the Board. The Zonal Railway is required to examine this report and to give a lot of thought to the recommendations therein. The General Manager is, thereafter, required to give his comments of acceptance or otherwise of the CRS's recommendations to the CCRS.

Based on the views of the General Manager, the CCRS forwards to the Railway Board the final views of the Commission of Railway Safety.

Thereafter the Railway Board examines the recommendations of the CRS, taking into account the views of the General Manager, and the final comments of the CCRS. If the recommendation of the Commission is be accepted on particular items, instructions on policy matters either as reiteration of existing ones or fresh instructions are issued to the Zonal Railways for implementation by the concerned directorate of the Railway Board.

It is these policy instructions issued (or reiterated) by the Railway Board that the Zonal Railways are required to follow.

The above procedure has been explained to bring out in clear perspective the system to be followed and for giving adequate importance to the recommendations of the CRSs.

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