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

No.2000/Safety(A&R)/19/20

New Delhi, Dated 16.08.2010

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways
Including Konkan Railway, Navi Mumbai
and Metro Railway, Kolkata

**Sub : Definition and Reclassification of Accidents on Indian Railways –
Amendment thereto.**

**Ref : (1) Board's letter of even No. dated 13.12.2000, 28.03.2003,
3.1.2006, 29.11.2006.**

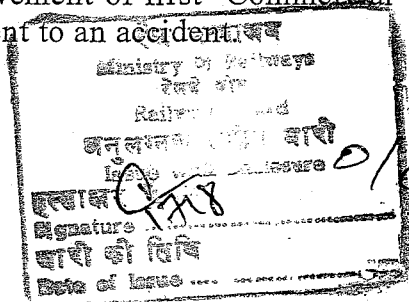
(2) CRB's DO No.2010/Safety(A&R)/3/15 dated 09.08.2010.

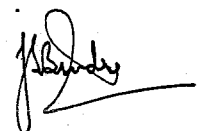
The instructions contained in Board's letter of even number dated 13.12.2000 prescribe threshold value of interruption to communication (partial or total) for treating an accident as consequential and having serious repercussions. At para 4(b) and para 10(vii), '**interruption**' is defined as '**duration from the time of accident till starting of first train on line clear from adjacent station for movement over the affected line in that section**'.

An analysis of movement of trains after Track Fit/OHE Fit has revealed that there is considerable delay in movement of 'commercial trains' after the restoration subsequent to an accident. Sometimes, movement of ART/ARME or a light engine over the affected line is treated as a train movement for declaring restoration as complete.

The matter has been reviewed. Board (MT/CRB) has instructed that the movement of **first Commercial Train (Goods or Passenger)** shall be reckoned for the purpose of considering the restoration after an accident as complete. A time frame of 30 minutes has been laid down within which the first commercial train should start on line clear from adjacent station for movement over the affected line. Cases of movement of Commercial Train after 30 minutes of fitness of Track / OHE shall be categorised as '**delay**' in restoration of traffic. In case, there is no Commercial Train available to be run on that section after Track Fit / OHE Fit, an exception may be made at the level of COM who shall certify that there was no 'Commercial Train' to pass over the affected section within 30 minutes of Track Fit / OHE Fit.

Accordingly, para 4(b) and para 10(vii) of Board's letter of even number dated 13.12.2000 may be amended to replace the words '**first train**' with '**first Commercial train**'. Further, a criteria of 30 minutes stated above may be incorporated for movement of first 'Commercial Train' for treating the restoration as complete subsequent to an accident.




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