

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

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STANDING ORDER NO.32  
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The Chief Security Commissioner/RPF,  
All Indian Railways.

The Chief Security Commissioner/RPSF/Railway Board.

Sub: Theft/Pilferage of parcels from Parcel Luggage/  
Brakevans.

The incidents of thefts/pilferages from Parcel Luggage/  
Brakevans attached to Mail/Express/Passenger trains have  
been causing considerable anxiety. These thefts/pilferages  
have not only eroded the confidence of the trading business  
community but have also resulted in serious loss to the  
Railways by way of payment of huge claims compensation.

2. In view of the seriousness of the problem, it has  
become quite imperative to introduce innovative measures/  
modern technology besides reinforcing and strengthening the  
measures already being taken to prevent and detect  
thefts/pilferages from SLRs/Brakevans.

3. Some of the essential measures which should  
invariably be taken and strictly implemented by the  
DSCs/DSCs are given under :-

- (1) All important Mail/Express trains should be escorted.
- (2) Arrangements should also be made with the neighbouring  
DSCs to ensure that there is proper taking over and a  
continuous escorting of brakevans/SLRs.
- (3) The escort party should be divided into two parts to  
keep a strict watch both on the front and the rear SLR/  
brakevan.
- (4) The escort party should be thoroughly briefed specially  
with respect to checking of seals/padlocks and partition  
wall/dog box so that any deficiency, if noticed, is  
rectified in time.
- (5) The escort party should be equipped with arms and  
ammunition and have in their possession torch-lights to keep  
watch on the SLRs and brakevans especially during the night  
time.
- (6) Escort parties should also be instructed to take  
care of the SLRs and brakevans during the night time  
and also to ensure that the seals/padlocks are properly  
checked and reported to the concerned DSCs.

(7) The escort party should report to the train guard both at the time of picking up and signing off their duties.

(8) The post/out-post incharges should be instructed to remain alert and maintain utmost vigil on platforms specially during the arrival and departure of important Mail/Express trains and see that no irregularity/criminality is perpetrated at the station. In case the lock/door or seal is found tampered or broken, immediate action should be taken by sending messages both to the previous and to the next station besides conducting track search to recover the stolen property and nab the criminals.

(9) The DSCs/ASCs should be instructed to identify the vulnerable/affected areas/ sections in their respective jurisdictions and deploy armed picket/patrolling in these areas.

(10) Immediate back tracing enquiries should be taken up to pinpoint the P.O. and work out the case.

(11) Whenever any guard/brakevan's involvement is found, the matter should be promptly taken up by the DSC/DSC with the concerned DRM/GM so that exemplary action is taken against such errant railway employees.

(12) Frequent surprise checks and raids/searches should be conducted to apprehend the criminals.

4. DSCs/RPF should take up the matter with respect to the following with their respective G.M., COM, CME and COM :

(i) As far as possible the front SLR/brakevan should be loaded in such a manner as to work as a 'Through Sealed Van' so that no loading/unloading is involved enroute.

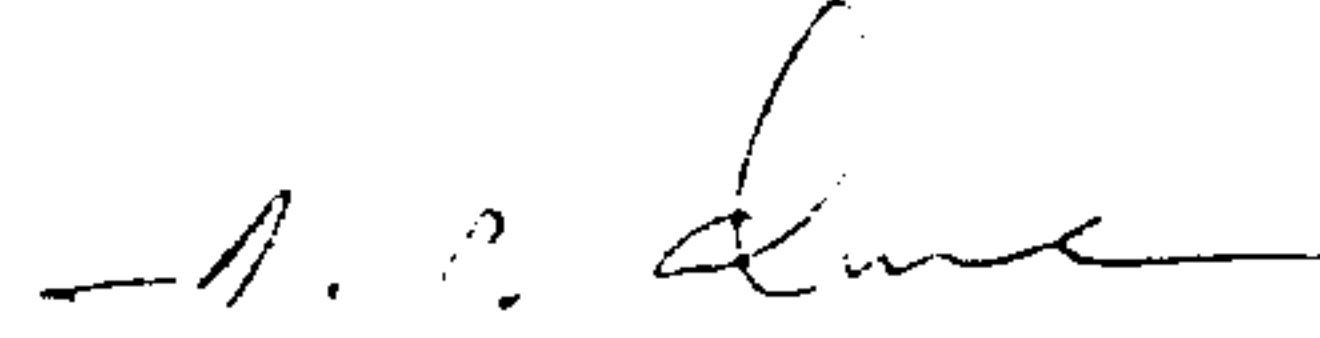
(ii) Besides sealing, padlocking of the SLRs/Brakevans should also be insisted upon.

(iii) The front SLR/Luggage/Brakevan should be manned by an Asstt. Guard.

(iv) The plywood/sunmica partition wall between the guard's lobby and the luggage portion of the van should be replaced by providing a metal partition wall.

5. Besides implementing the above measures to prevent the thefts/pilferages from SLRs/Brakevans in trains, DSCs should gear up criminal intelligence and the detective machinery on their Railway so that the criminals are arrested and brought to book. The progress achieved in regard to curbing the thefts/pilferages from SLRs/Brakevans should invariably be reflected in the Monthly Crime Review of the Railways.

6. This Standing Order should be got translated into the regional languages and supplied to the Posts/ Outposts for displaying on the notice boards. The RPF personnel should also be briefed on the contents of this Standing Order during Roll Call/ Parades.



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