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

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New Delhi, dated 08.03.2018

**General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.**

SUB: Revised Specification of Blankets for AC Coach passengers

Specifications of blankets for AC Coach passengers have been revised as follows :

"Soft blanket of superior quality with four side satin piping (not less than 4 stitches per cm)

Dimensions	215 cm x 120 cm
Fibre content	60% wool, 15% nylon, balance others
Weight g/m ²	450 gsm
Breaking load (min) on 15 cm x 20 cm (strip)	
(a) Warpway	110 kgf
(b) Weftway	85 kgf
Ends per inch	25 (min.)
Picks per inch	20 (min.)
Weave	2/2 twill

- The blankets shall be properly washed and shall be free from grease, soap, filling or any other admixture which would give fictitious mass or firmness.
- The blankets shall be milled and given a raised finish.

For sampling, testing and other details, IS:894 of 1980 (latest revision) may be referred with above specification."

2. A new PL No. 79330538 has been allotted for blankets to the above revised specification. Marking particulars, colour / pattern / shade may be suitably specified by railways. Procurement of blankets for AC coach passengers will henceforth be done with this revised specification.
3. These blankets with revised specifications should be washed preferably twice in a month subject to available capacity and logistics arrangements. In case of capacity constraints washing should be done minimum once in a month.
4. Life of the blankets with revised specifications and increased washing frequency is reduced initially to two years.

5. Based on field experience, washing frequency and life of blankets with revised specifications may be reviewed further after about one year.
6. The existing blankets (to earlier specifications) for AC coach passengers, should be washed once in a month. With monthly washing frequency, the service life of the existing blankets is reduced to two years from existing life of four years.
7. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate and approval of Board (MRS).

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