

भारतसरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
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(रेलवे बोर्ड **RAILWAY BOARD**)

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**The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways.**

**The Chief Mechanical Engineers,  
Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala.  
Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.  
Rail Coach Factory, Rae Bareilly.**

**Sub: Provision of ladder arrangement for First AC coaches (developed by Western Railway) in Zonal Railways.**

**Ref: Board's letter of even no. dated 17.02.15.**

Board, vide letter ref above, had advised for provision of foldable ladder on First AC coaches. Now, Western Railway has developed a fixed type ladder arrangement and the same has been provided in few First AC coaches for climbing on upper berths. It has been reported that passenger feedback on this new arrangement is quite positive.

Zonal Railways are advised for providing fixed type ladders in first AC coaches during POH. Details of the designs can be collected from WR. The ladder however should be fabricated using fire retardant materials. Provision of foldable ladders should also be implemented immediately in open line, even in those coaches where WR's abovementioned ladder arrangement has been made.

With effect from 01/05/2015, no coach should be turned out of workshop without above-mentioned ladder arrangements. Similarly, RCF/KXH, ICF/Chennai & RCF/RBL should also plan for cut-in of the above design w.e.f. 01/05/2015 and no coach should be despatched without this provision.



**(Prashant Kumar)  
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Railway Board**

Copy to:

- i. EDME/W: For kind information please.
- ii. Director, Wagon Interchange/IRCA: Provision of abovementioned arrangement may be ensured in First AC coaches during inspection.