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

**Sub: Restricting entry into coaching depots and prohibiting
usage of coaches as rest-shelters by onboard staff.**

In regard to the incidence of fire in 6 coaches of train no. 22824 BBS Rajdhani Express and SDAH Rajdhani Express on 21.04.14 at NDLS, the enquiry committee had attributed the responsibility of the incident to the onboard staff of ECoR & ER who were observed to be using the rakes as rest shelter. It has also been observed that miscreants/unauthorized personnel other than maintenance staff may interfere with safety fitting of coaches leading to safety risks to passengers. Issue of security provision in coaching depot was further deliberated in Board in consultation with Security and Safety Directorates.

This is a serious matter and Ministry of Home Affairs has also expressed concern on the incidence and possible law and order issues and has further advised to cover the yard under CCTV surveillance so that any undesirable activity in that area could be immediately detected. Provision of CCTV in the Coaching depot was also recommended by enquiry committee of DLI Division/Northern Railway.

Therefore, in order to maintain safety and security of coaches and ensure that maintenance work including pest and rodent control treatment of coaches is carried out without interference, Railways are advised to:

- I. Declare all major coaching depots as high security zone and prohibit entry of personnel other than authorized maintenance and shunting staff.
- II. Visitors including Railway personnel other than authorized maintenance and shunting staff, may be permitted inside coaching depot only if, they carry visitor pass issued by concerned Coaching Depot Officer.
- III. Strictly ensure that onboard staff (pantry staff, TTEs, coach attendants, power car staff etc.) does not utilize coaches as rest shelters.
- IV. RPF need to regulate the trespassers accordingly.

Railways are advised to scrupulously follow above instructions and take necessary action.

This has the approval of Board (MM) and DG/RPF.


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