



Office of the
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To

The Divisional Railway Manager
KUR, SBP & WAT

ALERT MESSAGE-50

Sub:-Precautions to be taken by the Railway for large gatherings / railway track during any grand festival / Mela / Congregation etc.

There were a number of incidents where passengers / public /pilgrims were got run over during large gatherings at Railway Stations, nearby railway track during Festivals / Mela /Congregation etc. Some of the incidents are as under:-

1. 12567 Saharsa -Patna Rajya Rani Express, while running through Dhamara Ghat Railway station of East Central Railway in Bihar, ploughed through a no. of pilgrims who were crossing the railway track to offer "Jalavishek" during Shravan festival resulting in a number of casualties and injuries on 19.08.2013.
2. On 19.10.2018, there was a large gathering of local public near Jora level crossing gate near Amritsar station for celebrating burning of "Ravana effigy" on the eve of Dasahara and the uncontrolled crowd during the fire cracking came up to the railway track. ASR-HWH Mail passed over the track whereby the public rushed to the other track and in the meantime JUC-LDH DEMU No. 74648 from opposite direction passed through over ran the spectators resulting in a number of casualties and injuries.

In view of the above, to ensure safety of public/pilgrim/passenger during the rush in ensuing Rath Yatra, Sravan month and other such cases, the following instructions issued vide ECoR JPO No.ECoR/SFY/101/JPO/1689 dt. 12.09.2013 jointly issued by CPTM and CCM/PS & Catg with some modification is reiterated as under with minor modification to be scrupulously followed.

1. Station Masters, when intimated by local authority or when they come to know from reliable sources or from Railway staff about such gathering on the eve of festival, Mela or any other congregation near railway station/ track, should inform all concerned including Section Controller through a Diary Entry.
2. On receiving such message, Section Controller should intimate the concerned officials of Operating Department and on receiving instructions shall advise the SM of adjoining stations on both sides to issue Caution Orders to all trains to proceed cautiously with long whistle and sharp lookout and be prepared to stop short of any obstruction.
3. If the location happens to be near the station, frequent announcements should also be made over public announcement system to warn the public about the movement of trains so as not to trespass track.
4. In case there is any change of platform of a train; frequent announcement should be made well in advance before arrival of train so that passengers will not panic and stampede can be avoided. Security personnel to be prompt to ensure passenger convenience and prevent rush.

All sectional DTIs, CLIs, JE/SSE (Sig), TLCs, CC & CHCs are advised to counsel the staff and monitor strict adherence of the instructions in letter & Spirit.

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