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**The Principal Chief Security Commissioners/RPF,
All Zonal Railways.**

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**Sub: Action to be taken on stone pelting on Running train over
Indian Railways-reg.**

Incidents of stone pelting on running trains are common in various parts of Indian Railways. It not only creates fear and insecurity but damage Railway property too. The menace takes serious proportion when the train crew, especially drivers, become victim. It also plays on the safety of train operation. Stone pelting on prestigious/luxury trains has its own ramification of denting image of Indian Railways as a transporter.

The incidents are caused due to reasons like minors playing by the side of railway track, lack of education, attraction towards shining glasses of coaches, unauthorized encroachment, illegal liquor shops situated near railway tracks, unauthorized route of crossing the railway tracks, small factory adjacent to railway tracks, etc. Initiatives like **Dosti, Operation Sathi**, etc launched by some Zonal Railways have shown quite positive and encouraging results.

The following preventive measures need to be taken:-

- a. PCSCs to identify the black spots and timing, where frequent incidents of stone pelting are being reported.
- b. RPF staff should be deployed at worst effected sections/spots to ensure safe passage of trains and a joint patrolling in the effected sections be introduced in co-ordination with GRP/Civil Police.
- c. RPF train escort staff should be sensitized to remain more vigilant in the affected sections during their duty hours.
- d. Regular drives under Railways Act should be conducted against anti-social elements like drunkard etc. in the effected section/black spot.
- e. Regular co-ordination with GRP/Local Police should be made for sharing the critical information to control the menace of pelting of stones on trains.

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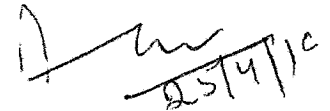
- f. Close coordination should be made with TTE and coach attendants and they should also be sensitized for educating the passengers to shut their windows and do not sit or stand near the door of the train.
- g. Illegal encroachments near railway track should be removed in close coordination with the concerned railway departments and local Police.
- h. Owners & staff of wine shop/factories, etc. located near railway track be counseled and their workers should be sensitized regarding seriousness of stone pelting on running trains which is criminal offence punishable under section 153 & 154 of Railways Act.
- i. Unauthorized crossing on railway track should be identified where traffic stops for long hours and impatient people pelt stones on passing trains.
- j. A mega awareness campaign should be launched amongst children whose parents reside near railway track and they may also be counseled about the wrong doing of stone pelting and its repercussions on safety of passengers.
- k. Awareness campaign by RPF may also be organized nearby school to create awareness among the children about seriousness of stone pelting against the trains. They should also be briefed that stone pelting is a criminal offence punishable under section 153 & 154 of the Railways Act.
- l. RPF should make close coordination with local authorities/NGOs to provide playground and play items to the children residing nearby the affected railway track, so that children are occupied in constructive way.
- m. RPF should make inroad to the nearby colony/society by having intelligence and developing social bonding with reputed people of the mass to alert, sensitized and inculcate culture of helping Railways to make travel safe.
- n. Whenever the children found involved in the incident of stone pelting, a bond from their parents may be obtained that they will keep watch on their children and their children will never engage in the act of pelting of stones in future.
- o. Awareness programmes through Nulkad Natak may be organized with the help of NGOs for creating awareness about seriousness of stone pelting among the people residing in the Jhuggies and colonies adjacent to railway tracks.
- p. Post-wise team of dedicated staff may be formed to create awareness amongst children and their parents, about repercussions of pelting of stones on running trains.
- q. Announcement through PA system/loud hailers should be made at the Railway Stations, Railway premises and near the railway tracks and other areas regarding the consequences of pelting of stones on trains.
- r. Posters and pamphlets should be displayed and distributed near the affected places, so that people see it and get aware about the harms of pelting of stones on the running trains.

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- s. Workshop with the help of NGOs may be organized involving inhabitant of railway track to create the awareness regarding the consequences of pelting of stones on trains.
- t. Wide publicity should be made by publishing the news in local newspapers on regular basis, relating loss and damage to railway property and harm to passengers due to the incidents of stone pelting.
- u. Community Policing including involvement of local people of effected area in sports/games be organized to curb the menace.

The above list is non exhaustive, PCSCs may issue instructions locally as per situation prevailing.

All concerned to ensure strict compliance of the above instructions.

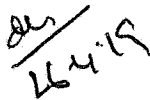


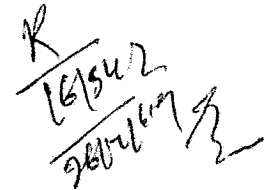
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