

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.91/Sec(Spl)/200/8/1

New Delhi, dt: 18 Sept. '92

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Subject: Manpower Planning -closure of RPF Fire
stations.

The Fire stations are being maintained by the RPF organisation, to protect the Railway property, from the days when the Civil/Municipal Fire services were not sufficiently developed to meet the requirements of Railways.

Since then, the Civil/Municipal Fire Services have been upgraded in almost all cities and towns and since it is obligatory on their part to attend to the fire incidents occurring in railway premises, it has been decided that operating fire services exclusively by the Railways to protect its property is no longer necessary.

The fire service units on Railways are of two types - Mobile and Static. There are 35 Static Fire stations as given in Annexure-I.

These static fire stations need to be immediately closed and compliance given within a month.

There are 95 Mobile Fire stations which are situated in stations where there are Civil/Municipal Fire Service as given in Annexure-II.

As regards these, it is suggested that you initiate dialogues with the civil/Municipal Fire Brigades indicating our intention to close down our Fire stations in a phased programme within three months and getting them to gear up their facilities to be able to take on our responsibilities. For this purpose you will also analyse the fire risk and the capabilities of the local fire brigade to respond to fire calls with reference to the distance, appliances available, etc.

The closure of remaining 10 Mobile Fire Stations (Annexure III) where Civil/Municipal Fire Brigades are not available may be planned in due course after assessing the efficacy of utilization of Civil/Municipal Fire Services.

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The Fire Brigade staff so rendered surplus should be adjusted in the Executive Branch of RPF and put to necessary training. The modalities of their inter-se seniority will be decided later on.

Raja Sreedharan
17/9/92
(RAJA SREEDHARAN)
Director General/R.P.F.

Copy To :- Chief Security Commissioners/RPF of
----- all Railways for necessary action.

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ANNEXURE I

| Sl.No. | Railways | No. | STATIC UNITS | | | | Con.(F) |
|--------|----------|-----|--------------|---------|-------|------------|----------------|
| | | | IPF(F) | SIPF(F) | HC(F) | HC/ TPO | |
| 1. | Central | 13 | - | 17 | 72 | 38 | 132 |
| 2. | Eastern | 9 | 2 | 8 | 34 | 29 | 69 |
| 3. | Northern | 1 | - | - | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 4. | N.E. | 1 | - | 2 | 6 | 6 | 15 |
| 5. | N.F. | 3 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 9 | 20 |
| 6. | Southern | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 4 | 13 |
| 7. | S.C. | 2 | - | 3 | 14 | 6 | 26 |
| 8. | S.E. | 1 | - | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 9. | Western | 4 | - | 3 | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Total: | | 35 | 3 | 42 | 160 | 109 | 303 total, 652 |

One(1) Static Unit of Kalka is shown in Annexure -III

Four(4) Static Units of NFR are clubbed with Mobile Unit of Pandu, Guwahati and Lumding.(Pandur is shown in Annexure-II and the remaining are shown in Annexure-III).

ANNEXURE-I I

Mobile Fire Stations where Civil/Municipal
Fire Brigade are available

STAFF

| S. No. | Rlys. | No. of Units | IPF (F) | SIRF(F) | HC (F) | HC/Driver | Const(F) |
|--------|-------|--------------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. | C.R. | 7 | 3 | 17 | 39 | 21 | 102 |
| 2. | E.R. | 8 | 7 | 32 | 54 | 30 | 138 |
| 3. | N.R | 17 | 11 | 33 | 88 | 56 | 219 |
| 4. | N.E.R | 7 | 4 | 21 | 60 | 30 | 145 |
| 5. | N.F.R | 6 | 4 | 22 | 68 | 42 | 159 |
| 6. | S.R. | 18 | 9 | 35 | 107 | 84 | 290 |
| 7. | S.C.R | 8 | 3 | 17 | 41 | 21 | 100 |
| 8. | S.E.R | 6 | 5 | 20 | 49 | 39 | 111 |
| 9. | W.R. | 18 | 1 | 27 | 92 | 63 | 186 |
| Total: | | 98 | 47 | 224 | 598 | 386 | 1450 Total:2800 |

Annexure-III

Fire Stations where Civil/Municipal Fire Brigades are not available in proximity

STAFF

| Rlys. | Fire Station | IPF | SIPF | HC/F | HC/ driver | HC/ TPO | Const. |
|--------|----------------|-----|------|------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| E.R. | PTSU | - | 4 | 7 | 4 | - | 16 |
| N.R. | Kalka | - | - | 4 | - | 3 | 3 |
| N.F.R. | Alipurdwar | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | - | 14 |
| " | New Bongaigaon | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | - | 16 |
| " | Amingaon | - | 2 | 7 | 3 | - | 15 |
| " | Lumding | 1 | 5 | 17 | 10 | - | 31 |
| " | Badonpur | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | - | 16 |
| S.C.R. | Hubli | - | 3 | 6 | 3 | - | 15 |
| " | Warangal | - | 3 | 6 | 3 | - | 15 |
| S.E.R. | Bondamurda | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | - | 19 |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | 5 | 25 | 68 | 40 | 3 | 160 Total; 301 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.91/Sec(Spl)/200/8/1

New Delhi, dt. 29.8.1997.

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways,
(Including Production Units)

Sub:-Partial closure of Fire Stations and Maintenance
Wing of Fire Branch in RPF.

A major Manpower Planning exercise was taken up in the Board during the year 1992 for all the Branches including Security. During this exercise of reduction in manpower, the Security Directorate, after due consideration had identified certain Fire Stations both static and mobile which could be wound up without endangering the Fire preparedness on the Indian Railways. The orders to this effect were issued to all the zonal General Managers vide this office letter of even number dt.18.9.92 and some mobile/static Fire stations were closed

2. The subject matter has again been reviewed by the Board and it has now been decided that the Railways should retain the Fire Stations in the following locations only:

I. Production Units

- i) ICF
- ii) WAP
- iii) CLW
- iv) RGF
- v) DCW
- vi) DLW

II. Metro Railway

III. Important Workshops

IV. Important diesel sheds

V. Major refinery yards

VI. Training unit at RPF Academy, Lucknow.

3. The Fire Stations proposed to be retained will be single unit, single turn out fire stations having a complement of staff as detailed hereunder:-

| | | |
|------------------------|---|----|
| Inspector(Fire) | - | 1 |
| Sub-Inspector(Fire) | - | 3 |
| Head Constable(Fire) | - | 4 |
| Head Constable(Driver) | - | 4 |
| Constables(Fire) | - | 12 |

Total 24

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In JR RPF Training Academy, Lucknow the complement of staff will be as under:-

| | | |
|------------------------|----|----|
| Inspector (Fire) | - | 2 |
| Sub-Inspector | - | 4 |
| Head Constable(Fire) | -- | 4 |
| Head Constable(Driver) | - | 2 |
| Constables(Fire) | - | 10 |

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|-------|--|----|
| Total | | 22 |
|-------|--|----|

Railway-wise list of Fire Stations allowed to be retained is enclosed at Annexure-I and those to be withdrawn at Annexure-II.

4. The control panels of automatic smoke/Fire detection and alarm systems where existing and manned by Fire staff shall be manned by the RPF executive staff (where available) round the clock and this staff will take appropriate action to deal with any outbreak of fire in the respective areas after imparting training.

5. In addition, Maintenance Wing of RPF Fire Branch is to be completely closed down and the upkeep and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers including those of passenger/goods trains presently being carried out by this Branch should be off-loaded and entrusted to the outside agencies on annual maintenance contract basis by the concerned Branch to be entered into by the respective departments where fire extinguishers are provided.

6. To ensure fire alertness of all Railway Employees training for correct operation and use of fire extinguishers by the Railway Employees will be carried out by detailing the employees to the nearest RPF Fire Station available.

7. Intensive training to all RPF (Executive Branch) personnel in fire fighting technique will be imparted at the Zonal RPF training centres by detailing an Inspector/Sub-Inspector(Fire) from the nearest RPF Fire Station to the respective Training Centres. This training will include outdoor training also by giving practical training in handling of all fire appliances of a Fire Station including fire extinguishers.

8. After this exercise, the strength of Fire staff on each Zonal Railway allowed to be retained will be as given in Annexure-III.

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9. The staff rendered surplus after this exercise is to be absorbed in the Executive Branch of RPF and the CSCs will arrange 8 weeks reorientation training in the corresponding rank in terms of Board's letter No.92/Sec(E)/SR-1/1 dated 16.9.93. The guidelines laid down in this letter (copy enclosed) should be strictly adhered to in shifting Fire Branch personnel to the Executive Branch, regularisation of their seniority etc.

10. In locations/areas where Fire Stations are withdrawn, liaison to summon assistance of civil Fire Brigades in case of any eventuality must be maintained and necessary assistance to civil Fire Service may be rendered to tackle the situation effectively without loss of time. DSCs concerned will ensure coordination with local Fire Service Authorities.

11. The aim of this manpower Planning exercise is to trim down the RPF strength and at the same time make available funds to the RPF for modernisation of the Force so as to make it more effective, efficient and useful to the Railways. Since this exercise will show a net saving of Rs. 11.4 crores approximately per year to the Indian Railways, it is requested that adequate amount may be made available to the RPF during the Financial year 1997-98 onwards to modernise the Force with respect to better training facilities, communication equipment, procurement of modern security gadgets, computers, modernisation of road transport, modernisation of weaponry and availability of more barracks and residential accommodations to the RPF staff.

12. The expenditure for modernisation of RPF will be chargeable to such heads as "Revenue", "Development Fund" etc. it would have to be mostly met from the Internal resource generation. Thus, a larger allotment can be made for RPF for its modernisation concomitant with savings in revenue expenditure due to reduction in staff strength deployed for fire fighting which can be watched by the Associate Finance of individual railways.

13. Railway-wise details of savings which will be generated due to closure of certain Fire Stations is enclosed at Annexure-IV.

14. After closure of Fire Stations/Maintenance Wing of Fire Service, the details of serviceable Fire Engines/Equipments rendered surplus after relocation as per need may be sent to this office for redeploying the same to other zones.

15. The exercise may be completed by 31.10.97 positively and compliance reported to this office.

This has the approval of Financial Commissioner, Railway Board.

Encl.- As above.

A. P. Durai
(A.P. DURAI) 28.10.97
Director General/RPF

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1. Chief Security Commissioners/RPF, All Indian Railways for necessary action.
 2. FA & CAOs, All Indian Railways including Production Units.
 3. Sec(E) Branch, JD/RPF, AIG/P
 4. Principal, JR RPF Training Academy, Lucknow.
 5. Secy./Railway Board.

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| Department of Fire Services | |
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| Division of Fire Services | |
| Eastern | 1. Bhenol 2. Bagnata 3. Sonarpur 4. Haldah |
| Northern | 1. Malka Workshop 2. Firozpur 3. Fatharkot 4. Jammu-Dewi |
| North Eastern | 1. Izat Nagar Diesel Shed 2. Gorakhpur Store Depot |
| Northeast Frontier | 1. Alipur Bazar 2. Latihar 3. Fandu 4. Guwahati 5. Amingaon 6. Badarpur 7. Dimapur |
| Southern | 1. New General Office, Madras 2. Soyapuram 3. Salt Cobuars 4. Tambaram 5. New Car Shed Complex, Myasi 6. Perambur General Stores Depot 7. Bangalore City 8. Moore Market Complex, Mad. 9. Mysore 10. Golden Rock Diesel Shed |
| South Central | 1. Mubli |
| South Eastern | 1. Shalimar 2. Bandarunda Yard 3. Kharagpur Printing Press |
| Western | 1. Karchiya Yard |

Note: In addition, the Maintenance Wing of Fire Services is to be completely phased down.

Statement of Expenditure followed by the related model of income tax

| Particulars | 1977-78 | 1978-79 | 1979-80 | 1980-81 | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Central | 1 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 23 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 59 |
| Goa/Chitteesanjani | 1 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 24 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 24 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 72 |
| Dr. B.R. Training for Govt./Sachin | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| UP, Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 50 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 10 | 24 | 24 | 58 |
| Northern | 1 | 18 | 24 | 24 | 66 |
| ICS/Perambur | 1 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 21 |
| ICP/Bangalore | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| South Central | 1 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 44 |
| South Western | 1 | 18 | 24 | 24 | 66 |
| Western | 1 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 110 |
| Total | 11 | 187 | 240 | 240 | 767 |

ANNEXURE IV

Wise-wise number of Posts of Fire Staff to be rendered surplus and monetary savings as a result of partial closure of Fire Stations and complete closure of Maintenance Wing of RPF/Fire Service on Indian Railways.

| Railway | Total No. of Posts to be rendered surplus | Approximate savings to be effected on account of staff (In Rupees) | Approximate savings to be effected in recurring expenditure on closure of Fire Stations (In Rupees) | Approximate total savings per annum (In Rupees) |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Central | 7 | 4,00,000.00 | - | 4,00,000.00 |
| Eastern | 200 | 1,50,00,000.00 | 4,00,000.00 | 1,54,00,000.00 |
| Northern | 155 | 1,10,00,000.00 | 4,00,000.00 | 1,14,00,000.00 |
| North Eastern | 145 | 1,00,00,000.00 | 2,00,000.00 | 1,02,00,000.00 |
| Northeast Frontier | 296 | 2,20,00,000.00 | 7,00,000.00 | 2,27,00,000.00 |
| Southern | 397 | 2,64,00,000.00 | 11,00,000.00 | 2,95,00,000.00 |
| South Central | 107 | 90,00,000.00 | 1,00,000.00 | 91,00,000.00 |
| South Eastern | 191 | 1,04,00,000.00 | 3,00,000.00 | 1,07,00,000.00 |
| Western | 69 | 45,00,000.00 | 1,00,000.00 | 46,00,000.00 |
| Total | 1569 | 11,07,00,000.00 | 33,00,000.00 | 11,40,00,000.00 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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No. 98/Sec(ABE)/PST/2/1

New Delhi, dated 10/6/99.

ORDER

The question of strengthening the Railway Protection Special Force has been engaging the attention of the Ministry of Railways. Simultaneously, the closure of Fire Wing of Railway Protection Force has been under consideration. It has now been decided to close down the Fire Wing of RPF and, as an immediate measure, to raise two additional Battalions of Railway Protection Special Force against the savings thus generated.

Accordingly, the sanction of the Ministry of Railways is accorded to the closure of the Fire Wing of Railway Protection Force and surrender of the following posts:

| <u>POST</u> | <u>SCALE</u> | <u>NO OF POSTS</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| ASC/FIRE(GAZ.) | 8,000-13,500 | 11(POST CODES 6523, 6545, 6572, 8188, 6615, 6632, 6649, 6665, 6689, 6712 & 6715)* |
| INSPECTOR/FIRE | 6500-10500 | 65 |
| SUB-INSPECTOR/FIRE | 5500-9000 | 193 |
| HEAD CONSTABLE/FIRE | 3200-4900 | 256 |
| H.CONSTABLE (DRIVER)FIRE | 3200-4900 | 254 |
| CONSTABLE/FIRE | 3050-4590 | 766 |

*ASC/Fire posts one each at Central, Eastern, Northern, N.E., N.F.R., S.R., S.C., S.E., Western, CLW & ICF.

The sanction of the Ministry of Railways is also accorded to the creation of the following posts for raising two additional Battalions of Railway Protection Special Force:

| <u>S.N.</u> | <u>POST</u> | <u>SCALE OF PAY</u> | <u>NO. OF POSTS</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | CONSTABLE | 3050-4590 | 734 |
| 2 | HEAD CONSTABLE | 3200-4900 | 500 |
| 3 | ASSTT. SUB-INSPECTOR | 4000-6000 | 38 |
| 4 | SUB-INSPECTOR | 5500-9000 | 30 |

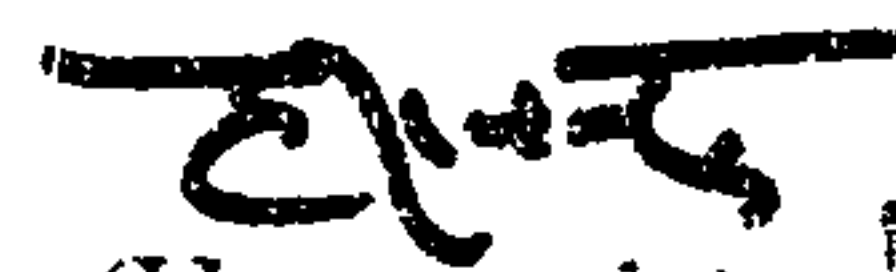
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| 5 | INSPECTOR | 6500-10500 | 24 |
| 6 | ASI/MINISTERIAL | 4000-6000 | 12 |
| 7 | SI/MINISTERIAL | 5500-9000 | 10 |
| 8 | INSPECTOR/MINISTERIAL | 6500-10500 | 06 |
| 9 | CONSTABLE/ARMOURER | 3050-4590 | 02 |
| 10 | HEAD CONSTABLE/ARMOURER | 3200-4900 | 02 |
| 11 | ASI/ARMOURER | 4000-6000 | 02 |
| 12 | SI/ARMOURER | 5500-9000 | 02 |
| 13 | INSPECTOR/ARMOURER | 6500-10500 | 02 |
| 14 | CONSTABLE/DRIVER | 3050-4590 | 14 |
| 15 | HEAD CONSTABLE/DRIVER | 3200-4900 | 02 |
| 15 | TAILOR | 3050-4590 | 04 |
| 17 | BARBER | 2610 -3540 | 10 |
| 18 | WASHERMEN | 2610 -3540 | 12 |
| 19 | MALI | 2610 -3540 | 02 |
| 20 | WATER CARRIER | 2610 -3540 | 36 |
| 21 | SAFAIWALA | 2610 -3540 | 36 |
| 22 | COOK | 2650-4000 | 36 |
| 23 | COBBLER | 3050-4590 | 04 |
| 24 | CONSTABLE/BAND | 3050-4590 | 25 |
| 25 | HEAD CONSTABLE/BAND | 3200-4900 | 12 |
| 26 | ASI/BAND | 4000-6000 | 03 |
| 27 | SI/BAND | 5500-9000 | 01 |
| 28 | INSPECTOR/BAND | 6500-10500 | 01 |
| 29 | CONSTABLE/WIRELESS | 3050-4590 | 27 |
| 30 | HEAD CONSTABLE/WIRELESS | 3200-4900 | 15 |
| 31 | ASI/WIRELESS | 4000-6000 | 09 |
| 32 | SI/WIRELESS | 5500-9000 | 03 |
| 33 | INSPECTOR/WIRELESS | 6500-10500 | 03 |
| 34 | CDI/INSPECTOR | 6500-10500 | 01 |
| 35 | ASI/ IT & WT | 4000-6000 | 01 |
| 36 | CONST./RECORD LIFTER CUM OFFICE RUNNER FOR CDI & HEAD MASTER | 3050-4590 | 01 |
| 37 | CONST/COOK & WATER CARRIER | 2650-4000 | 07 |
| 38 | COBBLER | 3050-4590 | 01 |
| 39 | BARBER | 2610 -3540 | 02 |
| 40 | WASHERMAN | 2610 -3540 | 02 |
| 41 | SAFAIWALA | 2610 -3540 | 03 |
| 42 | ASC | 8000-13500 | 06 |
| 43 | C.O. | 10000-15200 | 02 |
| 44 | PRINCIPAL/ASC/RPSF TRAINING CENTRE | 8000-13500 | 01 |

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| 45 | PRIVATE SECRETARY TO CSC CUM IG/RPSF | 6500-10500 | 01 |
| 46 | CSC/RPSF CUM IG | 18400-22,400 | 01 |
| TOTAL | | | 1648 |

This has the sanction of the President and issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.


(Harananda) 10/6/99


Asstt. Inspector General/RPF
Railway Board

No. 98/Sec(ABE)/PST/2/1

New Delhi, dated 10/6/99.

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3. Chief Security Commissioners/RPF, All Indian Railways including IG/HQ & IG/RS, Railway Board.
4. Chief Personnel Officers, All Indian Railways including Rly. Production Units.


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New Delhi, dated 10/6/99.

Copy to the Principal Directors of Audit, All Indian Railways including Rly. Production Units.


For Financial Commissioner/Rlys

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New Delhi, the 5th July, 2004

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. 245.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 21 of the Railway Protection Force Act, 1957 (23 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Railway Protection Force Rules, 1987, namely :—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Railway Protection Force (Amendment) Rules, 2004.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. (1) In the Railway Protection Force Rules, 1987, hereinafter referred to as the said rules in rule 16, in sub-rule 16(1), clause (iii) shall be omitted.
3. Rule 19 of the said rules shall be omitted.
4. In the Schedule IV to the said rules, the following orders shall be omitted, namely :—
 - (a) Inspector Grade I (Fire);
 - (b) Inspector Grade II (Fire);
 - (c) Sub-Inspector (Fire);
 - (d) Head Constable (Fire) (Operational Duties);
 - (e) Head Constable (Fire) Technical duties Grade I;
 - (f) Head Constable (Fire) Technical duties Grade II;
 - (g) Head Constable (Fire) Technical duties Grade III;

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V. N. MATHUR, Secy. (Railway Board) and Ex-officio Addl. Secy.