

भारत सरकार (GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
रेल मंत्रालय (MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)
रेलवे बोर्ड (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2024/Safety(Inquiries)/1/1

New Delhi dated: 03.08.2026

General Manager,
All Zonal Railways

CMD, KRCL, Navi Mumbai,
MD, DFCCIL, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Sub: Timely completion of Departmental Accident Inquiries.

Ref.: (i) Railway Board's letters No. 2005/Safety (A&R)/6/4 dated 02.02.2006 & 24.02.2006
(ii) Railway Board's letter No. 2019/Safety(A&R)/26/6 dt. 31.12.2019

During safety review of accident investigations, it has been observed that in several accident cases, departmental inquiries have not been finalized within the prescribed time limit. Attention is invited to Railway Board's letter under reference, wherein it was stipulated that departmental accident inquiries into train accidents should be completed within the prescribed time schedule.

Likely reasons for the delay:

- (i) Not nominating inquiry committee within one day,
- (ii) Officers doing inquiry proceedings getting disturbed due to routine office work.

In order to facilitate timely completion of inquiries without compromising the quality of investigation, it is advised that, immediately after an accident, a suitable location in the vicinity of the accident site may be identified for the exclusive use of the Inquiry Committee. This will enable all members of the Committee to work in coordination, focus on the investigation, examine the available evidence expeditiously, and finalize the inquiry report in continuous sittings, as far as practicable.

It is therefore, requested to review all pending accident inquiries and take necessary action to ensure that the accident inquiries are completed within the stipulated time frame. It may also be ensured that the current status and all relevant details of all the accident inquiries are reviewed and updated on weekly basis.

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Pr. Chief Safety Officers of All Zonal Railways - for information and compliance.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.2005/Safety(A&R)/6/4

New Delhi, dated 2.02.2006

The General Manager,
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Procedure for completion of Departmental accident inquiries.

It is observed from the Accident Manuals of the Zonal Railways that there is no uniformity in time schedule of completion of Inquiry Report/D&AR at various levels. In order to ensure timely completion of accident inquiry report/DAR following model time schedule should be adopted.

**SCHEDULE OF PROCEDURE FOR COMPLETION OF ACCIDENT ENQUIRY
AT ZONAL RAILWAY LEVEL**

Sl. No.	Model Time	Remarks
1	D	Date of Accident
2	D + 1	DRM /GM* shall order the inquiry, if no particular department accepts the responsibility.
3	D + 3	Committee shall convene the inquiry into the accident.
4	D + 7	Committee shall submit the inquiry report to DRM/GM*.
5	D + 10	Acceptance of inquiry report by the DRM/GM*.
6	D + 15	Inquiry reports will be finalized by CSO/AGM.
7	D + 20	Submission of inquiry report to CRS for the section of the Railways on which the accident occurred with the remarks. A copy of findings of the Inquiry Report to be sent to Railway Board.
8	D + 90	DAR action against responsible officials to be completed.

* For SAG Level Inquiries.

(i) DRM/GM may decide to have the inquiry conducted even if a particular department accepts the responsibility for enabling through review of associated systems involved in the accident.

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(ii) Time limits prescribed above are the maximum period of time. Railway should make efforts to finalize the Inquiry Report and D&AR action as early as possible but not beyond the prescribed time limits.

Board desires that the above schedule model for completion of accident inquiries / DAR may please be circulated to all concerned officers of all divisions of your Railway for strict compliance.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.



(Amitabh) 2/2/06
Director/Safety-III
(Railway Board)

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD**

No.2005/Safety(A&R)/6/4

New Delhi, dated. 24.02.2006

The General Managers
All Indian Railways including
Metro Railway,
Konkan Railway Corporation and
Railway Electrification/ Allahabad.

Sub: Procedure for completion of Departmental accident inquiries.

In continuation of Board's letter of even number dated 2.2.2006, the S.No.5 of the Model Time Schedule for completion of accident enquiry at Zonal Railway level has been slightly modified as under :-

S.No.	Model Time	Remarks
5.	D+10	Acceptance of inquiry report by the GM*/DRM/Sr. DSO (only for yard accident) .

* For SAG Level Inquiries

Above revised contents may be circulated to concerned officers of all your division for information and necessary action.

(Amitabh)
Director/Safety-III
Railway Board

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/BHARAT SARKAR
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/RAIL MANTRALAYA
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2019/Safety(A&R)/26/6

Dated: 21.12.2019

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

including KRL

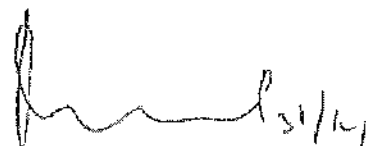
Sub: Accident Investigation into Consequential Accidents.

Ref: Railway Board's letter no. 2005/Safety(A&R)/6/4, Dated 02.02.2006.

In terms of Railway Board letter under reference, departmental accident inquiry into consequential train accidents are required to be completed within D+10 Days. It is observed that these train accident inquiries focus on 'Who' rather than 'Why' and accident inquiry reports usually focuses on fixing responsibilities rather than carrying out detailed investigations and studies to determine the root causes of the accident.

Considering above, it has been decided that during deliberations of the accident inquiry of consequential train accidents, detailed studies and investigations be also carried out to determine the root cause of the accidents. These detailed studies and investigations shall be included in Part 'B' of the report to be titled as 'Detailed Accident Study & Analysis Report'. This report shall focus on determining the root cause of system/human failure and recommendations of technical/procedural measure by which these system/human failures can be prevented. This consolidated report should be finalized in D+30 Days and submitted for acceptance of competent authority.

This issues with the approval of Board.



(Naresh Chand Goyal)
Principal Executive Director/Safety
Railway Board

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31.12.2019

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