

704.4 Advice to the Press:

- a) The Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded Divisions shall in consultation with the Chief Public Relations Officer, send brief particulars of serious accidents to the nearest News Agencies and other local News papers. Press notification about serious accidents on the Secunderabad and Hyderabad divisions shall, however, be issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer.
- b) It is sufficient if the Press is immediately given such particulars as, for example, the time, date and location of the accident, nature (e.g. collision between trains, derailment of a train indicating passenger or goods etc.), names and addresses of the injured and killed, stating whether the injuries are serious or minor, whether traffic will be interrupted or communication will be maintained by transshipment, the nature of transshipment, if transshipment is arranged, and when through running is likely to be restored. However, cases of trivial injuries shall not be furnished to the press, but the Railway Board will have to be advised.
- c) As soon as possible, full particulars shall be obtained of the number and names of passengers and railway employees killed, seriously injured and slightly injured (minor injury), this information may be given to the same News Agencies.
- d) Copies of all messages prefixed XXR, shall at once be sent to the Railway Board, C.C.R.S, C.R.S., and General Manager (T), and the first message shall be sent expeditiously so that the news may reach the Press first from the Railway. The second message giving details of injuries shall also be sent as early as possible. The Railway Board shall be advised of the progress made towards the restoration of through communication by frequent messages/telephonic advices. It is not necessary to advise the News Agencies daily but every stage in the progress made towards the restoration of through communication may be intimated to them from time to time. The Divisional Safety Officer shall obtain the required information daily from the Engineer-in-charge.

705 Complimentary Passes: (Board's Letter No. E (G)/58/PS. 5-6/1 Dated 25-8-58):

Complimentary passes may be issued to the next of kin of the victims as well as to the surviving victims discharged from the hospitals. The class of passes should of course, be the same in which the surviving victims were traveling or higher if recommended by the Doctor. While issuing such passes the following aspects should be borne in mind:-

- a) The issue of such complimentary passes may be centralized in the General Manager's office and should have the approval of the General Manager.
- b) Such complimentary passes may be issued to not more than two relatives of the injured or deceased passenger.
- c) Sufficient safeguard may be adopted so that these passes are not misused. Break of journeys on such passes should NOT be allowed.
- d) The complimentary passes so issued may be included in the half yearly statement submitted to the Board.