

- 115 Department:**
Includes all branches concerned under the administrative set up.
- 116 Engine Failure and Time Failure:**
- (a) An engine is considered to have failed when it is unable to work its booked train from start to destination. Reduction of the load for a part of the journey would also constitute an engine failure, provided this is due to a mechanical defect on the engine or mismanagement on the part of the engine crew.
- (b) When an engine causes a net delay of one hour or more throughout the entire run owing to some mechanical defect or mismanagement on the part of the engine crew, it would constitute a time failure. Trains stalling due to engine trouble or mismanagement by the engine crew necessitating working of the train in two portions would constitute a time failure provided the net loss of time on the entire journey exceeds an hour.
- B. General Instructions:**
- Scope of the Rules:**
- a) These rules should be considered as Special Instructions. Nothing in these rules shall be read as over riding, canceling, amending or modifying any of the General and Subsidiary Rules or the instructions contained in any of the Railway Board's circulars on the subject of accidents.
 - b) Except where specially mentioned, nothing in these rules applies to Workshop Accidents, which are covered by the Factories Act of 1948 and rules made there under.
 - c) These rules apply throughout the South Central Railway to all open lines, lines under construction and sidings – Railway, Private or Assisted which are worked by this Railway.
- 118 Distribution of the Accident Manual:** Copy of the Accident Manual shall be available with each branch of Zonal Head quarters / Divisional Head quarters, all Officers, all departments of Control Office, Stations, SM's office, CCC/CC, C&W depots, Offices of SSEs / SEs of Permanent way / Works, S&T, Electrical, Mechanical, Inspectors of Loco / Traffic / Commercial / Train Examiners / P.Way / OHE / RPF / GRP, ARTs / MRTs / Crane Specials / Track Machines / Trolleys / Health Units / RPF posts / GRP posts, each Station Master, Loco Pilot, Tower Cars, Guard, Training Centres, Members of Civil Defence Organisation and other Railway servants as prescribed by Special Instructions.
- 119 Acquaintance with the Rules:** Every railway servant is bound by these rules and must make himself acquainted with the rules relating to his duties as well as any revision of rules from time to time.
Duties of railway staff in this chapter and elsewhere in the Accident Manual are not exhaustive. Additional duties prescribed in various other circulars, rule books, manuals, codes etc., from time to time shall also be applicable to the railway servants concerned. The change of designation or up gradation / down-gradation of any post shall not generally change the duties and responsibilities as long as they are not specially changed.
- 120 Objectives:**
- The following objectives are to be achieved in dealing with the accidents / disasters in the order given below:
- a) Save life and alleviate suffering.
 - b) Provide succor and help to the affected/stranded passengers at the site of the accident.
 - c) Quick transmission of information at all levels.

- d) Preservation of clues and evidences.
- e) Ascertain the cause of the accident.
- f) Protect property including mails.
- g) Restoration of through line of communication at the earliest.

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Resources of all Departments to be made available:

The resources of all departments in terms of men and material should be promptly made available, when required for rendering assistance to passengers, in clearing the line or for transshipment of traffic. Every facility must be afforded to the Civil, Police and Medical officers and the Commissioner of Railway Safety to enable them to proceed quickly to the site in case of a serious accident.

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Every Railway Official to render all Possible Assistance:

Every railway official, whether 'on' duty or 'off' duty, receiving advice of an accident shall do all that is within his power to render assistance. He should take the greatest care in carrying out his duties whether specially assigned or assumed by him automatically.

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Duty for Securing Safety:

- (a) Every railway servant shall —
 - (i) see that every exertion is made for ensuring the safety of the public.
 - (ii) promptly report to his superior any occurrence affecting the safe or proper working of the railway which may come to his notice; and
 - (iii) render on demand all possible assistance in case of an accident or obstruction.
- (b) Whenever any unusual condition arises due to an obstruction or a defect in train, signals, tracks, bridges, electric traction and overhead equipment or through any other cause, which may affect the movement of trains or the safety of public or property, every railway servant shall —
 - (i) take immediate steps to stop any train, the movement of which is likely to endanger or which may endanger the safety of its passengers or the public;
 - (ii) take immediate steps to remove the obstruction or remedy the defect if he is able and competent to do so; and
 - (iii) make a report to the nearest Station Master by the quickest possible means and to his own superior.