

1203 Duties of Guard, Engine crew and other Railway staff when a derailment or any other serious consequences take place to the train due to suspected train wrecking or sabotage:

The Guard along with the engine crew and other railway staff traveling by the train involved, after reporting the accident, protecting the train and rendering first aid to the injured shall —

- a) Carefully examine the track jointly with responsible passengers and record the results of the examination and have the record signed by them.
- b) See that the portion of the track, rails, fish plates, bolts and other fittings appearing to have been tampered with, are not touched or moved by any persons and that these are closely watched till the arrival of the Civil and Police Authorities.

Note: (i) In the case of an Officer or a Supervisor being on the train, the above duty will devolve on him.

- (ii) Whenever assistance is obtained from any passenger or other member of the public, their names and addresses should invariably be kept on record for future reference, if necessary.

1204 Information to the Civil and Police Authorities: The Station Master adjacent to the site of the accident shall inform the local Civil and Police/ RPF / GRP authorities by the quickest means available and give them all possible assistance to reach the site.

1205 Precautions by Engineering Supervisors: After going to the site of the accident, Assistant Engineers and Permanent Way Inspectors should take the following precautions —

- (a) Instruct the Gangmen proceeding to the site of the accident, in the first instance, not to carry any tools with them.
- (b) Ensure that tool boxes of Gangmen sent to the site of accident are not opened until they have been checked by the Police.
- (c) Instruct them not to touch or remove any portions of the track, rails, fish plates, bolts and other fittings within the area of the accident till they have been inspected by the Railway, Civil and Police Authorities and photographed & video graphed.

1206 Duties of Officers and other Supervisory Officials:

Officers and Senior Supervisory Officials, in addition to their other normal duties shall —

- a) Take note of casualties and sketches of the accident.
- b) Do all they can to collect evidence likely to throw light on the cause of accident.
- c) See that likely clues to the cause of accident are not inadvertently removed through ignorance or curiosity, and
- d) Make arrangements for photographing and videographing the portions of the track, rails, fish plates bolts and other fittings and the engine and bogies of the affected train as early as possible.

1207 Duties of Railway Protection Force Officials:

- a) On receipt of information of the accident, the senior most R.P.F. Official in whose jurisdiction the accident has occurred should immediately proceed to the spot with all available men.
- b) Necessary additional assistance may be requisitioned from the neighbouring R.P.F. Post or Outpost.
- c) Apart from making an entry in the Diary of RPF post, the Station Master should also be informed of this movement.

- d) On receipt of information, the Inspector of Protection Force and the Divisional Security Commissioner of the Division should also proceed to the spot. Movement of the R.P.F. staff in the above cases should be made by the quickest means available, and where necessary, motor transport may be hired.
- e) Before proceeding to the spot, the R.P.F. officials mentioned above should make arrangements to contact the local Railway Police/District Police Officials to ensure that the accident has been reported to them also.
- f) The dog squad should be immediately pressed into service to assist the police as required.
- g) Clearance of State Police authorities shall be obtained for commencing the restoration work.

1207.1 On arrival at the spot, the RPF will discharge the following duties:

- a) Assist in extricating persons from the wreckage or debris, rendering First Aid to injured, evacuate injured and not-injured persons from the site.
- b) Safeguard the belongings of the victims and the railway property till the Police arrive on the scene and take over the responsibility.
- c) Guard the permanent way, rails, fish plates, bolts and other materials from being interfered with, by anyone till the Police officials arrive at the scene and take charge.
- d) Look out for suspects in the vicinity, and keep a note of any clues that may be useful in detecting the offence.
- e) The services of State Fire Department may be summoned to fight any fire that may break out at the scene of accident.
- f) Liaise with the Railway Police/District Police in the investigation of the case.

1208 Police Clearance:

Unless otherwise necessary to save life or to extricate passengers and injured, no carriage, vehicle, component part or likely clues shall be disturbed until investigations have been completed and written permission is given by the Police to start work on clearing the wreckage and restoring communication.

1209 Joint Examination by Civil, Police and Railway Officials:

- a) After the medical relief work has been completed, the senior most Railway Officer at the site shall make a detailed investigation of the cause of the accident including a thorough survey of the site for at least 800 metres in the rear, with the assistance of representatives of Departments concerned and in conjunction with senior Civil and Police officials.
- b) While carrying out the examination, the position of vehicles, track fittings etc, should not be disturbed as far as possible. Arrangements shall be made with the assistance of R.P.F. and the Police to keep staff and outsiders who are not concerned with the examination, away from the site. The details of such examination should be precisely recorded.
- c) The senior most Officer at the site in consultation with the Police should decide what materials are to be preserved for further examination. These materials should be conveyed to a suitable place where it will be stored under the joint custody of the Police and the Railway. As far as possible, all small fittings should be put into a Box or a gunny bag and sealed jointly by the Police and the Railway. A receipt should be obtained for whatever material the Police have taken charge of. Before dismantling the damaged track, the different components should be carefully numbered or match-marked so that the whole scene can be reconstructed, if required later at an Inquiry.
- d) The recorded note of the examination should be checked and counter signed by the senior most Police Official after it is finalized.