

620 Stretchers:

- a) A stretcher shall be provided in all trains carrying passengers. It should also be provided in workshops, marshalling yards, C&W depots and loco sheds etc. The stretcher shall be available in the Guard's portion of the SLR. Adequate number of stretchers will be kept with the Station Masters of train ordering stations and the Station Masters are responsible to provide every passenger carrying train with a serviceable stretcher. The Guard should ensure that a stretcher is provided in his portion of the SLR before the train leaves the originating station. He is responsible for its safe custody. In this connection, SR 4.19.4 should be ensured.
- b) Certain number of spare stretchers will be allotted to the Depot stations for purposes of replacement / supply to extra trains carrying passengers, whenever they are ordered. A correct list of all stretchers at stations is to be maintained by the DOM/G. The stretchers may be painted as S.C.Railway with the code number of the Division, Station and serial number of the stretcher so that it may be easily traced and identified.
- c) It will be the responsibility of the Operating Branch to maintain the stretchers in serviceable condition. The initial supply of stretchers and replacement of the unserviceable ones will, however, be made by the Medical Branch.
- d) Stretchers allotted to a particular station shall not be allowed to be taken to another station, division or railway except under very special circumstances and in such cases the staff of both the sending and receiving stations shall be equally responsible to ensure that the stretcher is returned to the proper unit to which it was originally allotted.
- e) The maintenance and upkeep of the stretchers is the responsibility of the concerned branch. Minor repairs, replacement of canvas, etc., when necessary are to be arranged by them through the works branch or locally meeting the cost from imprest, after obtaining competent authority's sanction. At places where it is possible to get them repaired by the C&W depot, this may be done. If a stretcher cannot be repaired it must be sent to Medical branch for condemnation and replacement.

621 Maintenance of Accident Relief Machinery:

Maintenance of rolling stock of SPART / ART, SPMRT / MRT, Cranes, Rail-cum-Road Vehicle, Emergency Road Vehicle etc.,

- a) Maintenance of the rolling stock shall be the responsibility of the C&W Depot available closer to the ART / MRT / BD Crane Depot. SSE / C&W of that particular Depot will ensure the schedules are carried out periodically.
- b) Maintenance of SPARTs will be the responsibility of the nominated Depot. At present, SPART & SPARMV at SC will be maintained by DLS / MLY, SPART at BZA will be maintained by DLS/BZA. Instructions / JPO issued from time to time in this regard shall be followed.
- c) Controlling Officer for maintenance of ART / ARMV equipment and BD Crane will be Officer of the Depot at which ART / ARMV / BD Crane are stationed. He will be responsible for day-to-day maintenance and to carry out the maintenance schedules in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions / RDSO instructions or any guidelines issued by the competent authority. He will be responsible to keep all the spares / tools / consumables required for maintenance of the equipment under his control. All the nominated maintenance Staff irrespective of the Department will be under his control. With the specific instructions from the competent authority, additional Officers / Depots can be entrusted with the maintenance job for technical reasons.
- d) An Officer is to be nominated by Depot / Division in-charge Officer (Sr.DME / DME) for the maintenance of each ART / ARMV / BD Crane.