

Provided that investigation may be carried out by an Officer-in-charge of a police station.—

- i. In a case where there is no loss of life or grievous hurt has been caused to more persons than one or no damage to railway property of value exceeding ₹ 2 Crore has been caused or there is no reason to suspect that any employee of the railway has been guilty of neglect of any rule relating to the working of the railway; or
- ii. In a case if the District Magistrate so directs.

**940 Notice of Police Investigation:** The Police Officer who is to conduct an investigation shall at once inform the Head of the Railway Administration concerned and the Divisional Railway Manager of the date and time at which the investigation will commence, so that a railway official may be arranged to watch the proceedings and to help the officer making the investigation. After sending such advice, he shall proceed, without delay to the scene of the accident and conduct the investigation there. The absence of a railway official shall not, however, be allowed to delay the investigation which shall be conducted as soon as possible after the accident has taken place.

**941 Assistance of the District Police :**

- a) Immediate information shall be given by the Railway Police of the area to the District Police, who, if so required, shall afford all necessary assistance and shall, if occasion arises, carry the investigation beyond the limits of the railway premises. But the Railway Police of the area shall primarily be responsible for carrying on the investigation within such limits.
- b) Subject to the provisions contained in these rules the further prosecution of the case on the conclusion of the police investigation, shall rest with the Railway Police.

**942 Communication of the result of Police investigation:** The result of every Police investigation shall be reported at once to District Magistrate or other Officer appointed in this behalf by the State Government, to the head of the Railway Administration concerned or other Officer appointed by him and to the Commissioner of Railway Safety.

**943 District Police to discharge duties of Railway Police:** Where there are no Railway Police in the area, the duties imposed on the Railway Police of the area or on the Head of such Railway Police, shall be discharged by the District Police or by the District Superintendent of Police, as the case may be.

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