

**Accident inquiry by the Railways:**

a) All serious accidents shall be inquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety.

i. In case of CRS or CCRS is not in a position to inquire into serious accident cases involving coaching train, notified to him under section 113 of Railway Act, the inquiry shall be carried out by a Committee of SA Grade Officers and CSO of the Railway shall be convener of such Committee. The Accident Inquiry Report of the Committee shall be accepted by the General Manager of the Zonal Railway. All cases of collisions falling under A1 to A4 categories shall be inquired into by a committee of SAG officers with General Manager as the accepting authority unless the same is being inquired into by CRS.

b) All other consequential train accidents shall be inquired by Dy.CSOs from Safety Department to be nominated by GM with the GM as the accepting authority. inquiry officer can co-opt any other officer as considered necessary. investigation team would be assisted by the Divisional Officers.

c) All other accidents shall be inquired into by a Committee of Sr. Scale Officers as decided by respective DRMs with DRM as the accepting authority.

d) All yard accidents shall be inquired into by a Committee of Senior Supervisors with Sr. DSO / DSO as accepting authority.

e) All cases of Indicative Accidents shall be inquired into by a Committee of Senior or Junior Scale Officers with DRM as the accepting authority.

f) General Manager or DRM can have the inquiry conducted by a committee of higher level of Officers than the above mentioned levels depending upon the seriousness of the accident.

g) In accident cases wherein the inquiry Committee determines responsibility of staff of Foreign Railway, the Inquiry Report should be put up to the Principal Head of the Department of concerned department of the Railway on which the accident took place though CSO after which such inquiry report shall be accepted (instead of DRM). Finalization of Inter-railway DAR cases arising out of reports be followed up by the Principal Head of the Department of the department of the Railway on which the accident took place. If suitable response is not received from the respondent railway at General Manager's level, the case should be referred to Railway Board.

h) All cases of equipment failures shall be inquired into by Senior Supervisors/Supervisors of respective departments.

i) All inquiries will be ordered by the concerned DRM except for inquiries falling under items (a) & (b) of the above wherein the General Manager will order the inquiries.

**907 Schedule for completion of Accident Inquiry:** In all accidents where inquiries are necessary, they must be held as soon as possible after the accident and the proceedings submitted without delay. The time-table counting 'D' as the day of accident will be as under:

S.No.	Target	Schedule / Remarks
1	D	Date of Accident.
2	D+1	DRM /GM shall order the inquiry, if no particular department accepts the responsibility.
3	D+3	Committee shall commence the inquiry into the accident.
4	D+7	Committee shall submit the inquiry report to DRM /GM.
5	D+10	Acceptance of inquiry report by the DRM/GM.
6	D+15	Inquiry reports will be finalized by CSO/AGM. <b>Note:</b> CSO for review cases only. AGM for accident cases in which foreign railway staff are held responsible.
7	D+20	Submission of inquiry report to CRS with remarks. A copy of findings of the Inquiry Report to be sent to Railway Board.
8	D+90	DAR action against officials held responsible to be completed

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