

1107 Murder on Running Train:

If a crime of a serious nature such as murder or serious assault is committed in a railway carriage on a running train, the following action will be taken by the staff with a view to helping the Police Officials in their investigation:

- (a) Immediately after knowing about such an offence, the Guard of the train should empty the compartment and lock it up. After closing all shutters from outside, so that blood-stains, marks of struggle, foot-prints, finger impressions etc., may remain undisturbed.
- (b) If the crime took place in a second class or sleeper class compartment, the carriage will be detached at the station where the crime was detected and will be kept under watch till the police arrive to take over the case.
- (c) If the crime took place in an AC coupe / cabin / coach, the coupe / cabin / cubical shall be emptied of passengers and the carriage is allowed to proceed to the nearest station, where it can be replaced. At this station, a member of the Railway Police will watch it until a Police Officer arrives.
- (d) No one, either a railway employee or an outsider, shall be allowed to enter the compartment until the Police arrive except in case, if it is necessary to attend to the injured persons, who are unable to leave the compartment without assistance.
- (e) The concerned Railway Police Station will be advised of the station where, the carriage has been or will be detached. After the carriage is taken over by the Police, it should not be removed or otherwise utilized without the written authority of the Police Officer conducting the investigation. If an abnormal delay takes place on the part of the Police in releasing the carriage, the matter should be reported to the Divisional Railway Manager concerned.

1108 Care of Dead Bodies:

The senior most Railway officer on the spot should discuss the question of disposal of dead bodies with the senior most Police Officer at the scene of the accident and they should jointly determine the place for keeping the dead bodies under the control of a responsible Officer. The Police have to take charge of the dead bodies and they should be given the requisite facilities for their transport to well protected places, where they could be kept, pending completion of formalities or until claimed by the next of kin. It may be stressed that respect for the dead should be the primary consideration and in any case, no dead body should be kept exposed to the weather.

1109 Material Fouling the Track:

On completion of unloading of track material etc., Engineering officials shall ensure that there are no heaps of material or other obstruction on the line or fouling the line, which will cause derailment or endanger the safety of passengers or the railway employees engaged in shunting operations on completion of unloading of track material etc. Engineering officials shall give a 'Fit' and 'Safety Certificate' in writing to the Station Master to this respect before allowing any traffic.

1110 Precautions against Derailment:

If any part of the engine/ vehicle/ Carriage/Wagon has fallen down and there is reason to believe that the fallen part may be fouling the track, a careful search should be made for the fallen part by the Guard and Asst. Loco pilot. If the fallen part cannot be traced, the train should be stopped at the next station and the Station Master should be advised. The station master will issue Caution Order to the Loco Pilot of the first train proceeding into the section to be on the lookout for the fallen part. The SM will also inform the JE/SSE/P.Way to undertake a search.