

- 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.