GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Principal Chief Security Commissioners/RPF
All Zonal Railways.
(including KRCL, ICF & RDSO)

New Delhi, dated 23.03.2020

Sub:- Security measures to be adopted during passenger train suspension period due to COVID 19.

The operations of Passenger trains have been suspended in wake up of out break of CORONA VIRUS by Railway Ministry. Some trains which are running en-route will reach their destination within a day or two. There is a need to focus on security of Railway Properties including the security of rolling stock which are likely to be stabled. The basic security arrangement of Railway yard and Station premises is to be ensured at all levels. A few measures to be adopted, to protect the Railway Property during this period are suggested accordingly.

- Rake may be preferably stabled at places where RPF/Post or Out-Post are available. For this proper coordination be made at Zonal/divisional level.
- If rake are stabled at station where RPF Post/Out-Post is not available, then temporarily RPF out post may be opened as per convenience at these stations to ensure security of the stabled rake.
- All stable rakes must be checked with C&W/electrical staff and properly locked.
- Power supply in coaches may be properly switched off to eliminate chances of fire accident due to electrical spark.
- Similarly, all Locomotive Engines doors must be locked and watched.
- Proper illumination and all other basic security arrangements be in place in Railway yard.
- Vegetation in Railway yard must be cleared in coordination with concerned department.
- Since, there will be no movement of passenger traffic/trains, station entry /exit may be closed as far as possible.
- RPF/RPSF staff relieved from train escorting and crowd control duties may be utilised, after keeping some reserve staff for emergency duty.
- Offices which are non functional during this time may be locked and checked properly.
- In workshop non functional units may be locked and checked. The gates/access points of workshops may be reviewed and reduced as far as possible.
- Special watch be kept on godowns, especially non ferrous godowns, in workshops.
- All Railway Employees and outsourced staff deployed in stations and in Railway yard must carry their Identity Card.
- Railway Cash earning accumulated in Railway stations/ offices may be secured properly and efforts be made to get it deposited with concerned bank/treasury.
- As there will be no passenger train running, people may try to board on goods trains or in the Engine/Guard cabin. RPF must be prepared to tackle such situation.
- Liaison is to be maintained with Railway Hospitals to ensure safety and security of Railway Hospitals as well as buildings earmarked for Quarantine and isolation purposes.
- Abandoned railway buildings near stations/ yards may be kept watch over as they may be used by criminals for their nefarious activities.
- These instructions are not exhaustive PCSCs may take steps other preventive measures at their own as per local requirements.

Compliance report may be sent to Board for perusal of DG/RPF.

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