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Sub: Breach of safety of passengers and railway assets due to privatization of escorting activities.

At present Power car (MOE) is currently manned by contractual staff.

Various complaints have been received by the escorting staff that this power car staff is not properly trained/skilled, causing great difficulties during the train's operation. At the moment, Rail Madad complaints are being closely monitored, thus AC escorting staff cannot leave their place to attend a power car in the event of a failure. It is pertinent to say that entire supply of the train is controlled by power car. In case of failure of supply, it is very much essential to attend it on priority as it is related to safety of passengers as well as railway assets.

Recently, incident of fire took place in train No. 22498 near BL. It has been learned that the outcome of the investigation into the aforementioned fire occurrence is the absence of MOE in the power car. Fortunately, there were no casualties in the above incident but it harmed not only the railway's image but also caused financial loss to the railway.

It is to be ensured that escorting activities should be done by the railway staff only in order to ensure smooth and safe operation of the trains. Although to ensure public safety, efforts should be made to fill up the vacant posts of these categories as soon as possible.

You are therefore requested to advise DRM-MMCT to ensure entrust escorting duties by Railway staff who are very well trained for it for the smooth functioning of system and safety of passengers.


General Secretary