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All PHODs / DRMs / CWMs / CEWE / CAO / CPM / Dy.CPOs / Sr.DPOs /  
DPOs / SPOs / WPOs / APOs of HQ / Divisions / Workshops / other Units, etc.,  
(As per mailing list -'A')

विषय/Sub: Communication of information to press.

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A copy of Railway Board's letter No.2014/O&M/1/2 dt. 21-11-2014 along with a copy of Railway Board's letter dt. 26-06-2004 on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance and necessary action.

(V. SRINIVASAN)

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Senior Personnel Officer/Rules  
कृते मुख्य कार्मिक अधिकारी  
For Chief Personnel Officer

संलग्न/Encl: as above

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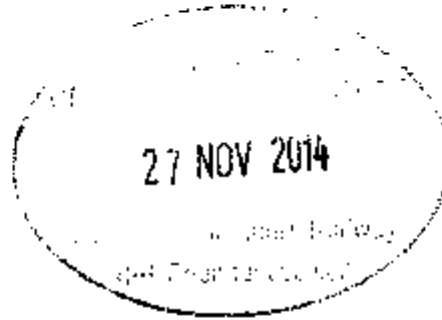
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भारत सरकार Government of India  
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways  
रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

2014/O&M/1/2

Dated:-21.11.2014

The General Managers,  
All India Railways/PUs  
DG/RDSO & DG/NAIR  
CMDs/MDs, PSUs



Sub:-Communication of information to press

Attention is invited to Board's letter No. 2004/O&M/1/2 dated 26.06.2004 on the above subject (copy enclosed for reference). As per the existing instructions, only GMs and/or CPROs at Headquarter level and DRM at Divisional level are authorized to give official interviews to press correspondents and media representatives. However, it has been observed recently that a large number of news reports and articles about Indian Railways appeared in the press even before the related issues were approved/finalised. This has been viewed seriously.

2. It is, therefore, desired that the practice of giving information to the media through unauthorized sources should be stopped forthwith. All information relating to Railways' policies and projects reaching press should be accurate, organised and through an appropriate authority only. It may be ensured that in future, all interactions with media should be through the designated authority or the Public Relation Officer of the Zonal Railway/PUs etc. Any deviation from the above would be viewed seriously and accountability would be fixed.

3. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned for strict compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Krishnan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

(K. Krishnan)

Joint Secretary/Railway Board

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.2004/O&M/1/2

Dated 26/06/2004

All General Managers/Zonal Railways/PUs

**Sub: Instructions/Guidelines for dealing with media/press.**

Clear instructions exist with regard to dealing with media/press. However, it has been observed that these instructions are not being strictly followed.

2. As per the existing instructions only GMs and/or CPROs at HQ level and DRMs at Division level are authorized to give official interviews to press correspondents and representatives of media. Recently, it has been observed that some officers other than those authorized have been interacting with certain selective sections of media/press. This not only leads to embarrassment on a number of occasions but also loss of greater exposure which could be achieved otherwise. It is desired that the instructions for dealing with media/press should be strictly followed by all concerned. In case an officer other than those authorized to deal with media/press is approached by media/press directly, he should get in touch with CPRO concerned who will organize the interview at the appropriate level.

3. Please ensure strict compliance.



(V.N. Mathur)  
Secretary, Railway Board