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The Member Engineering,  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Attn: **Shri Rakesh Chopra, Member Engineering, Railway Board**

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Posting of two Night Patrolmen and provision of Walike-Talike/Mobile phones for the Trackmen**

The need for strengthening night patrolling has become all the more important in view of present escalating incidences of causing damage and disruption to Railway services.

There are many hoax calls threatening the Railway administration about disturbing of train services by placing boulders and stones on the tracks requires strengthening of night patrol with two men as an essential safety measure. Increase in vehicular traffic has also a reason for many unwarranted elements enter the Railway tracks through unmanned level crossings.

In old days, two Trackmen were used to send for night patrolling duties. But on account of economical measures and reduction/surrender of posts, only one Trackman is being deputed for night patrolling.

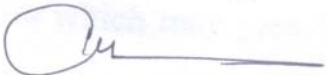
In view of critical situation, AIRF demands that, to ensure safety of Railway tracks, the number of Trackmen deputed for night patrolling should be increased from one to two Trackmen per beat, so that, in any eventuality, Trackmen can act swiftly and confidently.

Also, the need for quick communication between Trackmen, adjacent SMs and PWIs during night warrants supply of Walkie-Talkie or Mobile Phones for the Trackmen.

Supply of Walkie-Talkie and mobile phones to Trackmen engaged in night patrolling will definitely help to improve communication network during the time of crisis.

In view of the above, the Board are requested to issue necessary orders to the Railways for posting of two Night Patrolmen and also providing Walike-Talike/Mobile phones to the Trackmen.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Shiva Gopal Mishra)  
General Secretary

