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To
**The Chief Track Engineer,
Southern Railway,
Chennai.**

Sir,

Sub : Non- Implementation of CTEs instructions.

Ref : No.W.OM/45/Unified cadre of TM dated 05.11.2018.

It has been brought to the notice of all Sr.DENs over S. Rly., about the absorption of CTE during his inspections with regard to non-implementation of orders of allocation of duties in TM category.

The engagement of TM III and IV with little or no experience as Keyman seems to be an unresolved issue. It is against provisions contained in the P.Way manual also. Para III of letter is re-produced below for reference.

Para 167 : Selection and Training of Keyman – The selection of Track Maintainer to perform the duties of a Keyman is to be considered as a step in his training as Mate. Keyman trained in laying and maintenance of LWR/CWR on concrete sleeper and possessing valid competency certificates issued by Zonal/Divisional Training centre should only be posted on LWR/CWR section.

As per Para 168, 170, etc., other important duties assigned to Keyman are also indicated in the P.Way Manual.

Those who are promoted to TM II and TM I after giving an undertaking to shoulder higher responsibilities are not performing Keyman duties. Such a wrong practice is prevailing in Southern Railway alone. The juniormost Track Maintainer Gr.IV & GR.III are entrusted for the above Keyman duties is against the Rule. Now, we are compromising the safety.

We request you to kindly issue instructions once again to the concerned for strict implementation.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(P.S.Suriyaprakasam)
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