



Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)  
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)  
(Railway Board)

No. E(MPP)2020/3/13

New Delhi, Dated 08 .02.2023

The General Manager,  
All Zonal Railways/PUs.

**Sub: Refresher and Safety courses for Running Staff- Online/Offline mode.**

**Ref: (i) Board's letter No. E(MPP)/2020/3/15 dated 19.06.2020.  
(ii) Board's letter No. 2020/Safety/DM/6/14 dated 24.04.2020.  
(iii) NR's letter no. 844-E/Misc/Online-Offline/ Running Staff/2022 dated 10.08.2022.**

During Covid Period, Safety Directorate, vide reference (ii) above, had issued instructions to GMs/All Zonal Railways to start online refresher and other safety courses for running category staff. It was also advised that efforts may, however, be made to start the regular class room courses at the earliest and ensure that all running staff are given the refresher and other safety courses as per laid down norms.

2. Further, vide reference (i) above, instructions to GMs/All Zonal Railways had been issued, inter -alia, that for safety related trainings, online training may be adopted for the theoretical portion only. **For practical portion where hands on training and physical demonstration is required, suitable arrangements needs to be made keeping in view safety aspects.**

3. Now, Northern Railway, vide reference (iii) above, has requested Railway Board to issue clear instructions/direction on the issue of online/offline refresher training for running staff.

4. The matter has been reviewed in Board's office and it has been decided in consultation with Safety, Traction and Traffic Transportation Directorates that since the Covid situation has normalized now, physical training may be started following necessary Covid related precautions/protocol. It may, however, be ensured by Zonal Railways that while sending staff for physical training, train operations are not hindered.

5. It may also be noted that the references of ZRs should atleast be signed by SAG level officer and should be seen by PCPO so that Board receives only serious matters worth deliberations.

D. A. : As above

  
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