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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th *November* 1871.

No. 470. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways—General,) dated Simla, 28th October 1871, No. 2,181-R:—

Method of reporting accidents.

Read again:—

Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 591—602 R, dated 1st April 1871.

From Government of Bombay, No. 853, dated 17th July 1871, and enclosure.

To do. of Bengal, ,, 1,435 R, ,, 7th August 1871.

Read also:—

From Consulting Engineer to Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, No. 2,160, dated 11th October 1871.

OBSERVATIONS.—In the review of the accidents on Indian Railways during 1870, it was observed that the number of accidents classed as "getting off proper line" was strikingly large on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and small on the East Indian Railway, and that there was no reason to suppose that reports were not made in every case on the East Indian Railway.

2. The Deputy Consulting Engineer to the Government of Bombay in noting on this, pointed out the probability of a different system of reporting being pursued on the two Lines, as on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway every accident, however trivial, was reported and included in the return, and at the instance of the Government of Bombay, enquiry was made on the subject from the Government of Bengal.

3. It now appears that the East Indian Railway Company's return does not include petty accidents in shunting, etc., of which, however, a record is kept in the Company's Office, which is open to Government inspection.

4. It is desirable that some uniform system of reporting should be adopted, and that the accidents as shown in the published return should include the same kinds of occurrences. In supersession, therefore, of all former orders on the subject, the following classes of accident should alone be shown in the annual return, all minor accidents not coming under this category being either reported to the local Controlling Officers of the Government, or being recorded in some suitable manner, and periodically inspected on behalf of Government, as may be directed by the Governments of Madras and Bombay for the Railways in those Presidencies, or by the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lucknow and Lahore, for the Railways with which they severally deal:—

I.—All cases of cattle being run over, without exception.

II.—All cases of injury to the way, stock, or works, whether attended or not by injury to life or limb.

III.—All accidents of any kind likely to have endangered life or limb, or to have caused serious loss of property. Such for example as cases of trains running over chairs placed on the line: or of fires in trains not resulting in injury to the way, stock, or works, etc., etc.

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IV.—All cases of injury to life or limb from causes connected with the working of Railways.

V.—All cases of dead bodies being found on a Railway.

VI.—All deaths of passengers or intending passengers in stations or trains from causes unconnected with the working of Railways.

5. Accidents coming under the 6th of the above classes should not be embodied in the General Annual Return, but reported in a separate list in the form adopted in the Appendix to the Return for 1870, which was communicated to the Governments concerned with Public Works Department, Resolution Nos. 591—602 R, dated 1st April 1871.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lucknow and Lahore, for information and guidance in the preparation of the accident returns for the year 1871.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Major, R.E.,
Deputy Secretary.

No. 471. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1871, No. 2,992.

RAILWAY, No. 60.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information and guidance.

2. Major Prendergast will submit any suggestions he may have to offer regarding reports of minor accidents referred to in paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Accidents Railways. Prof. Intg. whether his Report on the method of statistics of accidents, com. at the Conf. may be forwarded to Engs.