

Public Works (1895) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 821 By

DATED 2nd December

[Despatch Abstract.]

Female Passengers. — Letter to the Government of India on the subject of the measures likely to ensure the safety of — while travelling by rail or waiting at Stations.

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No. 624 R.T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

THE JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, RAILWAY BRANCH.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, RAILWAY BRANCH.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF BURMA AND ASSAM.

THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.

THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR RAJPUTANA.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILWAYS.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, LUCKNOW, AND ASSAM.

Owing to the increasing frequency of outrages on females, while travelling by rail or waiting at railway stations, the question of the measures best calculated to prevent such occurrences in future is under the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council. I am, therefore, to request that, with the permission of *14th the Government*, the Government of India may be favoured with any suggestions you may have to offer with the object of further securing the safety of female passengers on the railways under *the control of the Govt of Madras.*

Yours most obedient Servant,

G. C. Press, Simla, No. 1220 P. W. D.—25-10-75.—500

To the Jt. Leg. to the Govt. of Madras,
P. W. D., Railway Branch.
7250 above station.

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Recd: 11.11.95

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Enclosed the following

Mem. W. Bliss

Mem. W. from

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18 Nov

This is all right as far as it goes, but further protection of female passengers, especially of female passengers, requires a properly organized Railway Police, such as that on the London & North Western Railway, which I don't quite know. I think I have written something with the object of adding a paragraph on the subject.

18/11/95 JG

19/11/95

Could not a covered way also be provided between the female's carriage - & the guard's van - so that the guard could pop in when summoned? The door to this might be locked with the electrical communication - so that the alarm summons w'd also unlock the door. Otherwise perhaps the guard might take liberties - 'his custodianship' - ?

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In reply to your 624

R T of 14 October 95

I am directed to say that the following provisions appear likely to ensure the safety of female passengers while travelling by rail or waiting at stations -

1. The general use of long bogie carriages open from end to end for female travelling third class provided with ^{electrical} communication to the guard & the engine - and fitted with food lamps, ^{oil} or gas and placed as regards position in the train next to the front or rear guards van -
2. For female passengers second & first, their compartments ^{between} the first & second general passenger compartments & also fitted as above -
3. For their safety at stations female ticket collectors and attendants ^{might} be employed with advantage who would be better able to see that they

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were look after themselves
in the platform & in the
carriages -

4. All the waiting rooms,
luncheon & places generally
occupied by females
should be well lighted
and the instructions to
the staff should direct
attention to ^{female passengers} ~~these~~ being
properly looked after if
travelling alone or un-
accompanied by their
male relatives.

5. A certain disadvantage
is entailed by placing
their carriages at the
extremity of the train
in that they would have
to have a considerable way
to walk entering and
alighting from the train.

6. In making the above
suggestions I am to say
that the points to be
aimed at are, in the
opinion of Mr. Gosnell,
the program in Council,
to prevent the isolation
of female passengers
either in the train or

at the stations and to
have both carriages and
platforms efficiently lighted
and to provide a ready
means of summoning
assistance in case of need.

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Forwarded to Judicial
Dept. with reference to remarks
by Hon W. Rivers

FORU 20/11/95

An additional para - para 7 -
might be added -

7. H.C. in Council
further considers that ^{much} ~~great~~
additional protection to female
passengers ^{would} be afforded by
the establishment of adequate forces
of Detective & travelling police upon
all lines of railway. A scheme
for strengthening the ^{existing} force in
this Presidency is already under
consideration.

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Fair despd in R office
on 2.12.95

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Draft may now be
amended - By & Dr to
be FORU 27/11/95
JH 27/11

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