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Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava ji,
General Manager,
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Respected Sir,

Sub: Overburdening Running staff (ALP/LP) with heavy luggage – Latest addition of Fog Safe Device - *Reg.*

Ref: Rly Bd Lr.No. **2024/Elect.(TRS)/138/7 (Com) (3476271)** dated 04.04.2026 (*Copy Encl.*)
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Till recently, the Fog Safe Device (FSD) was handed over to the ALP only during winter season but now, vide above referred letter, it is made mandatory to carry it throughout the year i.e., across all the seasons.

Already, the ALP/LPs are carrying heavy luggage in the form of tools, bulky walkie-talkies, detonators, torch, umbrella, personal belongings Viz., food, water bottles etc., and they have to traverse long distances, mostly through the rough terrain in the yards etc. Adding another device to the existing heavily weighing bag is not only inconvenient but also over-burdening the Staff with heavy stuff.

Such addition of devices and implements to the already heavily weighing kit is turning them into a porter. It may please be noted that the ALP/LPs i.e, the frontline staff of Railways are highly qualified and literate personnel holding Engineering degree and Technical Diplomas and compelling them to carry heavy baggage is nothing but ill-treating them with insensitive decisions. The above arbitrary decision has caused large scale resentment and outcry amongst the Cadre necessitating review/rollback of the same.

The earlier practice of porter carrying the tool box containing all the above mentioned items to-and-off the engine was shelved in the name of austerity measures i.e., reducing the manpower.

FSD device is a seasonal necessity in a particular region but generalizing the usage throughout the Zones irrespective of season is incomprehensible. If the device is considered as a safety aid, then the same may be fixed/installed in the cabin thus not only avoiding the manual haulage but also in the overall interest of preventing any damage during regular handling.

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SCR MAZDOOR Union therefore requests your kind self to address the above issue to Railway Board explaining the impracticability of carrying of FSD device other than winter season in this region and also suggest permanent installation of the same in the Crew cabin in the larger interest of the frontline staff of Railways.

With **kind** regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Ch.SANKARA RAO)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Encl : As above

