

दाक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे
South Eastern Railway

प्रधान मुख्य संरक्षा अधिकारी कार्यालय
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Divisional Railway Manager,
ADA, CKP, KGP, RNC

Safety Alert: 07/2020

विषय/Sub: Safety Precautions during Maintenance Works over Bridges.

1. At about 11.30 hrs of 22.07.2020 in Chittigidda – Vikarabad stations of South Central Railway, three Bridge staffs working on bridge no. 123 (UP Line) were run over by a Multi Light Engine. Lack of necessary site safety protection measures at work site to ensure the safety of the workers while carrying out the works appears to be the prima facie cause.
2. Inspection and maintenance over bridges are vulnerable activities, particularly in case of long bridges, bridges over deep gorges and bridges in curves with restricted visibility. While working on such bridges, accessibility to Safety locations, viz. man refuge, and trolley refuge gets severely limited.
3. Therefore, for all inspection and maintenance activities over bridges, which may or may not require traffic block, protection of workmen by (i) mentioning such activities in caution order handed over to the train pilot, (ii) posting lookout men in such bridge approaches and (iii) erecting suitable caution indicator boards as per requirement is required to be ensured.
4. As per Para 108(3) of Indian Railway Bridge Manual - 1998, the Bridge inspector (BRI) in-charge of the site has to ensure that all staff working under him are well acquainted with the relevant rules and working methods and efficiently perform their duties.
5. As per Para 109 of Indian Railway Bridge Manual -1998, the Bridge inspector (BRI) in-charge of the site should co-ordinate with P-Way and other department officials while the work requires engagement of various departments.
6. In addition, provisions of Safety Protection measures at work sites prescribed in G&SR 15.09 and IRPWM 806 while taking up the maintenance works over bridges need to be reiterated to concerned field officials and workers to ensure safety.
7. It is directed that a 15 days drive may be launched to counsel and sensitize the field Bridge Inspectors, their staff and P-Way supervisors and staff duly following the social distancing and other precautionary measures in view of COVID-19. A consolidated report on the efforts made during the drive may be sent to this office within a week after completion.

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