

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPERATING SAFETY INSTRUCTION No. 01/2021

Sub:- Patrolling of Track

In view of ongoing Monsoon, this Safety Instruction is being issued to sensitize Station Master of their duties so that safety in train operation is ensured by observing the under mentioned Subsidiary Rules in this regard.

Divisions are directed to launch a 'Counseling Drive' to sensitize Station Masters on this issue. It should be checked that Patrol Chart has been made available to the Station Master by the Engineering Department. In case of deficiency observed, the fact to be brought to the notice of the engineering department immediately.

Ensure the following stipulations of SR. 15.04 :-

1. When patrolling of track is to be done, Sr. Divisional Engineer or Divisional Engineer concerned will notify the same and Station Masters concerned will be informed.
2. **Patrol Chart:** Patrol charts prepared by Divisional Engineer for different sections will be distributed to Assistant Engineer, P.Way Inspectors and Controller and a copy of the relevant portion of the chart will be supplied to each Station Master with instructions to –
 - (i) Record timings of arrival and departure of Patrolman in the Patrol Books and initial them, and
 - (ii) Record timings of arrival and departure of patrolman and their names in the Station Diary.
3. Station Masters will see that the Patrolman come on duty sober.
4. If a Patrolman does not turn up within 15 minutes of his schedule arrival, the Station Master on duty will take the following action –
 - (a) He must stop run-through trains proceeding into the block section.
 - (b) He must advise the Station Master at the other end of the section to take similar action and also advise the controller.
 - (c) He must issue Caution Order Form T/409 to all trains proceeding into the block section advising Loco Pilot to be on alert and specify a speed restriction of 40 KMPH during day when the visibility is also clear, and 15 KMPH during the night or during the day when visibility is not clear.
 - (d) He shall also initiate action to ascertain the reason for the Patrolman not turning up by either sending a Gang man or a Point man, if available, in the concerned section.

The Caution Order referred to under item (c) above will be issued until the Patrolman has arrived and reported that the line is safe for passage of trains.

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