

## **CHAPTER XI**

### **UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES**

**1101 Unsafe Banks of Tanks or Rivers:** Station Masters and others who receive intimation from Government Officials or Village Authorities or any person likely to give reliable information of the unsafe condition of banks of tanks or rivers, should at once inform the same to the Divisional Railway Manager, Assistant Engineer, Permanent Way Inspector and the Station Masters at both ends of the block section likely to be affected and also to the Controller on duty. The Station Masters at both ends of the block section likely to be affected should stop all trains, including run through trains and issue caution order. Advising the Loco pilot to "observe special caution and reduce speed as necessary"

**1102 Injured or Dead persons found on or near the Railway Track:**

**(a) When the person is Alive:**

- (i) When any railway employee finds any injured person on or near the track, he should do his best for rendering first aid and arrange for medical help as early as possible. He should also arrange to inform the police through the Station Master of the nearest station or any other person in the vicinity. The person should be transported to the nearest hospital for medical aid. However, all available evidence should be preserved as far as possible.
- (ii) When any person is run over or knocked down by a train, first aid shall be rendered by the Guard of the train and/or by a qualified Doctor if any in the train or at the station. The person shall be transported to the nearest railway station in the direction of the run of the train where medical aid is available and the Station Master will arrange to send the injured to the hospital immediately, after rendering first aid, if not already rendered.
- (iii) If an injured person is found on or near the track or run over or knocked down by a train, a statement of the person should be recorded by the Guard and/or Loco Pilot or by the person who happens to find the injured person. The particulars to be recorded are "name, father's name, age, sex, address, relatives/friends available nearby, how he happened to be on the line, particulars of the injuries and how the wounds were inflicted etc". The statements should be prepared in duplicate and signed by the Guard,/Loco Pilot/ the person who finds the injured and some other responsible witness. One copy should be handed over to the Station Master of the nearest station where the injured person is handed over, for onward transmission to the Police authorities. Along with the statement a memo showing the date, time and place where the injured was found and action taken thereof should also be handed over to the Station Master. In case the Railway employee who finds the injured person is illiterate, he should seek the assistance of some responsible person for obtaining and recording the above statement and particulars.

**(b) When the person is not Alive:**

- (i) When a dead body is found on or near the railway track by any railway employee or any person is run over and killed by a train, the Guard and/or Loco Pilot of the train or the railway employee concerned must ensure recording of all available evidence. The dead body should not be removed until the arrival of the Police as the chances of clues which may lead to detection of causes may be interfered with.

However, to clear the line for the movement of subsequent trains, the dead body may be removed from the line; but in doing so, the movement should be the minimum required. Handling of the dead body by many people should be avoided so as to keep the available finger prints undisturbed. Factual information must be given to the Police Authorities without loss of time.

- (ii) The following particulars must be collected and furnished in the memo by the Guard and /or Loco Pilot of the train or by the person who happens to find the body:—
  - (a) Time and place the body was found;
  - (b) Position of the body in relation to the track;
  - (c) Blood stains on the ballast, rail, sleeper etc.
  - (d) Extent of injuries;
  - (e) Whether injuries were inflicted by a train or otherwise;
  - (f) Approximate age;
  - (g) Sex;
  - (h) Name, father's name and address if available;
  - (i) Position of clothing and any other evidence found on or near the track;
  - (j) The name of the informant, his father's name and full address.
- (iii) The body may, thereafter, be left in charge of Village Chowkidar or any responsible person in the vicinity or Lineman or Gangman or Gateman. If no responsible person is readily available at the site or nearby, it shall be removed with the help of available assistance to the nearest gate lodge in the direction of the movement of the train. Where there is no gate-lodge, it will be carried and handed over to the Station Master of the next station. In all cases, a written memo giving the particulars as mentioned in sub-para (ii) above shall be made out by the Guard and/or Loco Pilot of the train or by the person who happens to find the dead body and the memo should be handed over to the Station Master. A copy of the memo should also be handed over to the man under whose charge the body is kept, for onward submission to the Police Authorities.
- (iv) In case the body is found by a railway employee not working a train, he shall, unless he himself is in a position to advise the police authorities or as mentioned in sub-para (iii) above, take immediate steps to advise any responsible person in the vicinity of the scene to enable the latter to take further action.
- (c) Attempts should be made to find out the identity and address of the deceased or injured. The Station Master should send a telephonic advice to the relatives of the deceased or injured free of cost, followed by a letter confirming the telephonic advice, if there is no relative or friend with the deceased or injured.

**1103 Person Fallen from Train:** In case of a person fallen out of train, the Guard of the train shall take the following action.

- a) A statement of the person involved in the accident should be recorded, in all cases where it is possible. But in case of child, the statement of the guardian with the child should be recorded. The statement of two co-passengers, who were eye witnesses to the incident, shall also be recorded. The statements shall be recorded in the presence of the Railway Police traveling by the train and countersigned by the police. If there is no Railway Police traveling by the train, the signature and addresses of two responsible passengers in whose presence the statement is recorded should be obtained.
- b) The following information shall be collected and furnished by the Guard of the train for accident report on form Acc 3 —
  - (i) KM at which
    - a. The person fell down
    - b. The train stopped.
  - (ii) The place where the person fell down (on platform or between the lines and platform or on other line or in between two tracks etc.)
  - (iii) Was the incident noticed by the Guard and/or Loco Pilot and train brought to a stop or the alarm chain was pulled and if so by whom?