

- e) When land line communication fail, the facility available on microwave network and wireless transmission shall be made use of to disseminate the warnings to all concerned. High priority should be given for disposal of cyclone messages.

1.6.2 Immediately on receipt of the “Second stage warning on Cyclone” the following action should be taken :

- a) The Chief Controller, Vijayawada will keep liaison with All India Radio Vijayawada, and Meteorological Department, Visakhapatnam in receiving further bulletins and disseminate the same to all concerned. Arrangements are made by Meteorological Department to broadcast the weather bulletins from the All India Radio (hourly intervals) and sudden / unexpected developments as soon as it is notified to the Radio station. For this purpose, the Chief Controller/BZA should hear the bulletins on the transistor; Radio set available in the Control office and disseminates the cyclone warnings to all concerned.
- b) DRM/Vijayawada will depute a Senior Traffic Officer and Senior Engineering Officer to co-ordinate with all other branches and local civil authorities. The said Officers will be responsible for regulation / diversion / cancellation of train services in the areas likely to be affected by cyclone depending on the local situation.
- c) In case of imminent cyclone threat, it is advisable to cancel through running of trains and regulate the trains in the section at suitable places where catering arrangement are available, under no circumstances the passenger trains should be allowed to be marooned. DRM shall depute a Senior Commercial Officer for monitoring this purpose.
 - i) In case of districts not affected by the cyclone, de-warning message will be sent
 - ii) AEE/TRD of divisional hqrs. has to station himself in the TPCs room to keep liaison with all other branches. The said Officer will be responsible for taking prompt action depending on the situation.

Control of Trains - when communications fail the Stations Master will take similar action as indicated in para 1.3(d)

1.7 Action to be taken in case of hold up of trains due to Cyclone-(General):

a) By the Senior Traffic official nominated by DRM.

- i) An enquiry office with a public address system is to be opened immediately on Vijayawada platform to relay the information regarding the stranded trains, relief operations and transshipments, supply of food packets etc. DRM shall depute a Commercial Officer for this purpose.
- ii) He shall make arrangements to post Medical Officer/personnel at railway station where trains are stranded and where facilities exist. In out station or other places, he shall approach the District Collector or the local Special Police Officer who will make necessary arrangements.
- iii) He shall plan for the quick transshipment of stranded passengers in consultation with the Road Transport Corporation, where repair to track is likely to take longer time. DRM shall depute a Commercial Officer for this purpose.

b) By the Station Master.

- i) The Station Master on duty shall immediately inform Tahasildar, Revenue Divisional Officer, or Sub Collectors and the Collector of the area regarding the hold up of trains at his station.
- ii) The Station Master on duty shall seek the assistance of the local Revenue Authorities in arranging adequate supply of lemon rice and curd rice etc., along with pure drinking water to the stranded passengers and milk and biscuits to children. Commercial staff should make arrangements for supply of food etc.

Advice to the staff for the precautions to be taken by them during pre-cyclone and post – Cyclone periods are listed in Annexure ‘C’