

Master regarding the condition of flood and whether train movement can take place or not.

1.5 Danger to track and bridges due to Railway Affecting Tanks:

As soon as message is received from State Govt. Officials i.e. from Village Servant / Village Assistant, Panchayat Secretaries / Assistant Panchayat Secretaries or any other general public by Station Master and officials concerned regarding the endangering of Railway Affecting Tank, the following action should be taken:

a) The Station Master on receipt of information regarding the danger to track or bridge due to RAT should stop immediately the approaching train and inform the concerned SE/JE P.Way and the adjacent Station Master for necessary action.

b) The sectional JE/SE P.Way in-charge should immediately proceed to the site and assess the situation and post a stationary Watchman until the flood recedes. He should inform the adjacent Station Master regarding the condition of flood and whether train movement can take place or not.

1.6 Action to be taken in the event of the East Coast being threatened by Cyclonic storms: Receipt and Transmission of Messages :

(a) The Cyclone Warning Centre, Visakhapatnam will give adverse weather warning messages on depressions, cyclonic storms coming from Bay of Bengal when the storms are still at sea for the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The Cyclone Warnings will be issued in two stages. The **first stage warning** cyclone alert is issued as soon as the cyclonic storm is located at such a distance from the coast that it is expected to cause bad weather over the coast during the next 48 hrs.

(c) This is followed by **second stage warning** (cyclone warning) message when there is actual threat of cyclone over the area.

(d) Subsequently also messages giving the latest cyclonic situation are issued by the Cyclone Warning Centre till the danger to the area is over.

(e) Weather bulletins issued by the Cyclone Warning Centre are broadcast daily as a routine from the All India Radio Stations. In storm situation special weather bulletins are broadcast repeatedly at non-scheduled time also.

1.6.1 On Receipt of first stage warning message regarding Depression / Cyclonic Storms.:

a) The Chief Controller, Central Control, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad should be alert and take immediate action as laid down in para 1.3(a), above. He should also intimate the cyclone warning and alert the Chief Controller/SC Division/SC and GTL Division /GTL, in case the cyclone is expected to pass over their divisions.

b) The Chief Controller, Vijayawada should be alert and take immediate action as laid down in para1.3(b)..

c) The following Engineering dept. Officers of BZA division shall proceed and be available at stations indicated below:

CGE (shall proceed to BZA depending on the severity of the situation at his discretion)

Sr.DEN(South)/ BZA..... BTTR

Sr.DEN(Central)/ BZA BPP

DEN/E/BZA BVRM

Sr.DEN(North)/BZA SLO

Sr.DEN/Co-ord/GNT GNT

d) The ADENs will be in their respective headquarters. Their further movement when the effect of cyclone is felt ,will be left to their discretion, depending upon the needs of the situation and they will be guided in this respect by the CGE who will be directing the operations from Vijayawada or from Secunderabad through Sr.DEN/Co-ord/BZA.

- 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’