

5.3. After thus commencing the patrol, he must proceed to the other end of his beat. If the other end happens to be a beat station (in case when beat section is 5 kilometres or less), he must present his beat book to the Station Master on duty who must fill up the column regarding the time of arrival and departure and sign and return it to the Patrolman. Thereupon, the Patrolman must retrace his steps and return to the point from which he commenced his patrol. On the other hand, if the other end happens to be only an intermediate point in the beat section, he must exchange his beat book with the beat book of the Patrolman of the adjacent beat and then return. On reaching the first beat station from which he commenced his patrol, he must again present his beat book to the Station Master on duty who must fill up the time of arrival and sign. The same procedure is repeated to the next patrol, the movements being governed according to the patrol chart. In this way, each patrol book must be conveyed from one station to the other end and back again.

6. Selection of Patrolmen:

- 6.1. The best and most reliable men from each gang shall be selected by the PWI as Patrolmen; twice the number required shall be selected, in order to take the place of Patrolmen in case of illness, to provide for rest given Patrolmen, etc., The men selected from each gang shall be sent to the Medical Superintendent/Railway Hospital for vision test and may not be employed as Patrolmen until they have passed the test. The places of the Patrolmen in the gang shall be filled by men from temporary gangs or by substitutes if there are no temporary gangs, until the work of patrolling ceases, when the Patrolmen will revert to their original places in the gangs.
- 6.2. Ordinarily patrolling will be carried out by a single Patrolman but in regions where danger from wild animals and dacoits and other risks as in ghat sections exist, patrolling in pairs will be permitted, subject to the CE's approval.
- 6.3. When there is only one patrolman for a beat, he should be a permanent man. When they are in pairs, the second man may be an experienced casual labourer who is properly tested in rules by the PWI and medically fit.

7. Duties of Patrolmen:

- 7.1. Patrolling must be carried out as per patrol diagram issued by the DRM.
- 7.2. While walking along the line, Patrolman must carry his hand signal lamp lighted. He must examine with the help of the electric torch carefully the banks or cutting specially near bridges, permanent way and the bridges and their approaches and look out for slips, signs of erosion, subsidence, rock falls, land-slides, trees blown across the track during storms or any other cause likely to endanger the safety of the line.
- 7.3. **He must apprehend damage to line when-**
 - 1 the flood is rising or its level is higher than the danger level mark in red (below the high flood level mark);
 - 2 the water on one side of the embankment is at a much higher level than on the other side;
 - 3 any obstruction, such as, fallen tree, is blocking the waterway of a bridge;
 - 4 when the river is flowing at a high velocity; and
 - 5 the track shows signs of settlement.

If he notices any condition likely to affect the safety of train, or in cases of doubt the Patrolman must be prepared to stop trains in the manner detailed in paragraph 11 below.