

CHAPTER XI
UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

1101 Unsafe Bunds 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 bunds 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.