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Sub: Gang Patrolling during abnormal rail fall or storm

As per para 1001(3) of IRPWM, In the event of abnormal rainfall or storm during day or night, patrolling should be organized. But, It has been observed that on some of the sections, during abnormal rain fall or storm, system of Gang Patrolling is not in place. In this regard, instructions of Para 1001 (3) of IRPWM are reproduced below:

"In the event of abnormal rainfall or storm during day or night, the Mate should, on his own initiative organise patrolling over the length affected, independently of other patrolling, if any being done. This patrol should in case of heavy rainfall, confine its inspection to known points of danger, such as cutting or culverts likely to scour, banks affected by tanks likely to breach and bridge approaches. In case of high winds, the patrolman should inspect the length of track likely to be fouled by falling of tree etc.

Arrangements exist with the Meteorological Deptt. of the Govt. Of India for issuing telegrams of warning, wherever storms, gates or heavy rainfall are expected. On receipt of such information from the Control, the Permanent way Inspector will arrange to advise monsoon patrolmen, watchmen and gangmates to be extra vigilant and be prepared to introduce patrolling as necessary for detailed instructions Para 728 of IRPWM may be referred to."

You are advised that these instructions should followed by the field staff in letter & spirit without fail.


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