APPENDIX-IV

WEATHER WARNING

1. Arrangements exist with the Meteorological Department of the Government of India for issuing messages of warning, whenever storms, gales or heavy rainfall are expected. The conditions under which warnings are issued are detailed below:

(i)	Amount of rainfall considered dangerous.	50 millimeter and above in 24 hours
(ii)	Wind velocity considered dangerous	65 Kilometer/per hour and over.
(iii)	Period when warning will be given.	Through out the year.

2. Weather warning messages will be classified as 'XXW' (Weather Warning) or '000(Weather Immediate).These messages will be normally given to the Railway Control Office.

3. On receipt of a weather warning message in the Control Office, the following action will be taken : -

(a) Action by the Control Office.

(i) The Chief Controller or in his absence the Dy.Chief Controller must immediately repeat the weather warning message verbatim on the telephone or on Cellular/ mobile telephone wherever provided followed by a written message to the DRM/Sr.DOM/Sr.DEN/DEN and ADEN when his Headquarters is at the same station.

(ii) At the same time the Chief Controller/Dy.Chief Controller must immediately arrange for the weather warning message to be repeated verbatim to the Station Masters and concerned supervisors through Control telephone. The Controller repeating the message must record the initials of the S.M. on duty to whom the message has been repeated.

Note: - In respect of sections which are uncontrolled or when the control phone is interrupted an 'XXR'(immediate)message should be issued by the Chief Controller /Dy. Chief Controller to the officials referred to above.

The preamble of the weather warning message and the text as received from the Meteorological Department should be reproduced verbatim in the text of the XXR message.

(iii) A register should be maintained in each Control Office showing full particulars of the receipt and action taken on the weather warning message, showing the date and time of receipt of weather warning message, the full text of the message, and the date and time of despatch of telephonic advice to the officials concerned, and the initials of the S.M. on duty to whom the message has been repeated.

(b) Action by the Station Master : On receipt of weather warning advices from the Controller, the SM will take the following action :-

(i) The S.M. on duty where ADENs/SSE/SE(P Way) are at head quarters will immediately hand over the message to them and obtain an acknowledgement. If the ADEN/ SSE/SE(P Way) is out of Headquarters, the S.M will advice the Controller on duty, who will then be responsible for ensuring that the contents of the message are communicated verbatim to the Engineering Officers at the station concerned.

(ii) The S.M. on duty will also send for the SSE/SE(P Way), Mate of the station, yard gang, explain to him the contents of the message and obtain his acknowledgement.

(iii) A register will be maintained at each station in the proforma given below: -

Date and time of Receipt.	Text of the Message In full	Name and designation of official to whom message was repeated.	Signature of the Engineering Official	Signature of the S.M.

The office copy of the message on which an acknowledgement has been given should also be pasted in the register.

(c) Action by the SSE/SE(P Way):-

(i) The SSE/SE(P Way) on receipt of weather warnings will take steps in terms of existing instructions and arrange to advise Monsoon Patrollers, static watchmen and Gangmates to be extra vigilant.

(ii) During the fair season, he will introduce monsoon patrolling as soon as possible and post watchmen at all vulnerable locations and bridges by day as well as by night for a period extending upto 48 hours beyond the period specified in the weather warning message.

(iii) Should there be very heavy rain or a severe storm during the period, whether during the monsoon or fair season, the mate and gangmen, on their own initiative, shall commence monsoon

patrolling by day as well as by night for the duration of the warning and 48 hours beyond.

(iv) The SSE/SE(P Way) should be out on his Section as far as possible by trolly, during the period of warning and 48 hours beyond.

(d) Action by the Gang Mate:- On receipt of advice from the S.M. the Gangmate will take the following action:-

(i) During the fair season, the mate will depute two reliable Gangmen provided with patroller's equipment for patrolling the block section on either side and for alerting the intermediate gang mates.

(ii) During Monsoon period, the mate of the station yard gang will send two gangmen in opposite directions to alert intermediate gang mates, patrolmen and watchmen.

(e) Action by Lobby Supervisors :- On receipt of the weather warning message, the lobby supervisor should display the weather warning message on the Notice board in the lobbies for information of the running staff.

(f) Action by Loco Pilot and Guards :- On getting the information of the weather warning from the Notice Board in the Lobby they should be more vigilant and cautious during the journey and take necessary action as laid down in the G&SR and in circulars issued from time to time on monsoon precautions.

4. A copy of this Joint Circular should be available in each Control and Station Master's Office and with each SSE/SE(P Way).

5. A Booklet on "Monsoon Precautions" is being issued by Sr.DEN (Co) of the division by 31st May of each year. All concerned staff of the division should be conversant with the arrangement made/instructions contained therein.

6. Actual weather condition shall be recorded in the weather warning register

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