

SAFETY RULES

1. PRECAUTIONS WHILE WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF TRACK:

The contractor shall not allow any road vehicle belonging to him or his suppliers etc., to ply in railway land next to the running line. If for execution of certain works viz. Earthwork for parallel railway line and supply of ballast for new or existing rail line gauge conversion etc. road vehicles are necessary to be used in railway land next to the railway line, the contractor shall apply to the engineer incharge for permission giving the type and no. of individual vehicles, names and license particulars of the drivers, location, duration and timings for such work/movement. The engineer-incharge or his authorised representative will personally counsel examine & certify, the road vehicle drivers, contractor's flagmen and supervisor and will give written permission giving names of road vehicle drivers, contractor's flagmen and supervisor to be deployed on the work, location, period and timing of the work. This permission will be subject to the following obligatory conditions:

- (i) The road vehicles and drivers will ply only between sunrise and sunset.
- (ii) Nominated vehicles and drivers will be utilized for work in the presence of at least one flagman and one supervisor certified for such work.
- (iii) The vehicles shall ply 6m. clear of track. Any movement/work at less than 6m and upto minimum 3.5 clear of track centre, shall be done only in the presence of railway employee authorised by the Engineer-incharge. No part of the road ;vehicle will be allowed at less than 3.5m from track centre . Cost of such railway employee shall be borne by the railway.
- (iv) The contractor shall remain fully responsible for ensuring safety & in case of any Accident, shall bear cost of all damages to this equipment & men and also damages to railway and its passengers.
- (v) Semi permanent fencing as approved by the Railway Engineer should be provided by the contractor at his own cost along the running line at a distance of 3.5 metres from the centerline of the nearest track at work sites where vehicles/machineries are likely to ply close to the track. This fencing should remain in position till the vehicles/machinery are required to work adjacent to running line. Engineer-incharge may impose any other condition necessary for a particular work or site.

2. Suitable scaffolds should be provided for workmen for all works that cannot safely be done from the ground or from solid construction except for such short period work as can be done safely from ladders. When a ladder is used an extra labour shall be engaged for holding the ladder and if the ladder is used for carrying materials as well, suitable foot holds and hand-holds shall be provided on the ladder and the ladder shall be given an inclination not steeper than 1/4 to 1 (1/4 horizontal to one vertical).

3. Scaffolding or staging more than 3.5 meters above the ground or floor, swung or suspended from an overhead support or erected with stationary support shall have a guard rail properly attached bolted, braced and otherwise secured at least 1 meter high above the floor or platform or staging and extending along the entire length thereof with only such opening as may be necessary for the delivery of materials. Such scaffolding or staging shall be so fastened as to prevent it from swaying from the building or structure.

4. Working platform gangways and stairways should be so constructed that they should not sag unduly or unequally, and where the height of the platform or the gangway or the stairway is more than 3.5 meters above ground level or floor level, they should be closely boarded, should have adequate width and should be suitably fastened as described in the para above.

5. Safe means of access shall be provided to all working platform and other working places. Every ladder shall be securely fixed. No portable single ladder shall be over 10 metres in length while the width between side rails in swung ladder shall in no case be less than 300 mm for ladders upto and including 3.5 metres in length. For longer ladders this width should be increased by at least 20 mm for each additional metre of length. Uniform steps spacing shall not exceed 300 mm. Adequate precautions shall be taken to prevent danger from electrical equipments. No materials on any of the sites of work shall be so stacked or placed as to cause danger or inconvenience to any persons or the public. The contractor shall provide all necessary fencing and lights to protect the public from accident and shall be bound to bear the expenses of the defense. of every suit, action or other proceeding at Law that may be brought by any person for injury sustained owing to neglect of the above precautions and to pay any damages and cost which may be awarded in any suits, action or proceedings to any such persons or which may with the consent of the contractor be paid to compromise any claim by any such persons.

6. Demolition: Before any demolition is commenced and also during the process of the work:

- a) All roads and open areas adjacent to the work site shall either be closed or suitably protected;
- b) No electric cable or apparatus which is liable to be a source of danger over a cable or apparatus used by the operator shall remain electrically charged;
- c) All practical steps shall be taken to prevent danger to persons employed from risk of fire or explosion or flooding;
- d) No floor, roof or other part of the building shall be so overloaded with debris or materials as to render it unsafe.

7. All necessary personal safety equipment as considered adequate by the Engineer should be kept available for the use of the persons employed on the site and maintained in a condition suitable for immediate use, and the Contractor should take adequate steps to ensure proper use of equipment by those concerned.

In addition,

- a) Workers employed on mixing asphalted materials, cement and lime mortar shall be provided with protective goggle.
- b) Workers engaged in white-washing and mixing or stacking of cement bags or any materials which is injurious to the eyes shall be provided with protective goggles;
- c) Workers engaged in welding works shall be provided with protective goggles;
- d) Stone breakers shall be provided with protective goggles and protective clothing and seated at sufficiently safe intervals.

8. The contractor shall submit the methodology proposed to be adopted for execution of works for approval of the Railway Engineer with a view to ensure safety of trains, passengers & workers and he shall also ensure the methods and arrangements are actually available at site before start of work and contractor's supervisors and workers have clearly understood the safety aspects and requirements to be adopted / followed while executing the work.

9. The contractor shall maintain an assurance register at each site, which shall be got signed by both Railway supervisor as well as contractor's supervisor in token of their having understood the safety precautions to be observed at site.