

NO: EM1(10)83/ 16747

Dated:- 17.11.92

CIRCULAR NO. 370

SUB: Accidents due to Missing Manhole Covers.

It has been observed with great concern that accidents are still occurring due to missing man-hole covers, inspite of standing instructions to the field staff for being more vigilant about this issue.

The field staff is once again directed to take the following steps with immediate effect to ensure that no such untoward incident happens within their jurisdiction due to missing man-hole covers. Strict disciplinary action shall be initiated in case of any laxity in the compliance of these instructions:-

1. Only RCC or SFRC covers should be used instead of CI covers.
2. All the field staff, i.e. EEs/AEs/JEs and other departmental staff, should exhibit extra care and vigil during their routine inspections of the areas under their jurisdictions to detect any missing man-hole covers and to get these replaced without any loss of time.
3. The respective A.Es & J.Es shall have to take overall responsibility for any such incident within their jurisdiction. They must further entrust specific responsibilities of watch and ward of the different stretches to the work charged staff under their control. The duty chart assigning different reaches should be communicated in writing and displayed prominently.
4. Arrangements must be made to keep a minimum stock of man-hole covers at Div./Sub-Div. level for immediate replacement of missing covers round the clock.
5. Control rooms must function in each division with a telephone facility to be able to receive complaints of missing man-hole covers from the public and other agencies/organisations. These control rooms should be properly equipped with men and material to take prompt action in replacement of the missing man-hole covers within one hour of receipt of complaint.

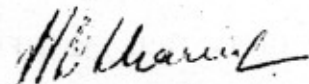
The location and telephone numbers of such control rooms should be extensively publicised for the information of the general public.

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6. Whenever the man-holes are opened, either for repairs or for some cleaning/desilting works, proper barricading should invariably be provided as a precautionary measure, so that there is no possibility of any accident.
7. Instructions dated 7.10.92 issued by Hon. L.G., Delhi on the missing slabs and man-hole covers already circulated vide No.EM3(14)92/14476-81 dated 12.10.92 should be strictly followed and compliance report sent to this office without any further delay. A copy of the said instructions is once again enclosed for ready reference.

Detailed action taken reports should be submitted to this office within seven days so that the senior officers can also inspect the arrangements made in response to the above instructions.

Encl: As above.



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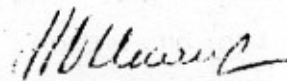
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