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Railway Board

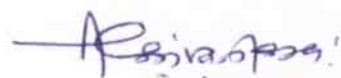
No.2006/CE-I/AC-1 (Pt.)

New Delhi, dated 04-11-2009.

The Principal Chief Engineers  
The Chief Administrative Officers (construction),  
All Indian Railways.

**Sub: Special drives for safety Inspection of ROB, RUB & FOB in use or abandoned.**

- 1.0 On dated 23.10.2009, accident of K-37 down local train took place at km 31/13-14 on Mulund-Thane section of Mumbai Division, Central Railway, due to falling of ROB girder, **launched about three years back**. In addition, there have been ROB accidents on Western, Northern, Southern and East Central Railways. Perusal of reports of accidents reveals that inspite of adequate safety instructions existing on the subject; avoidable lapses have taken place at one and other sites.
- 2.0 **Member Engineering** during visit to the referred accident site, also observed that there may be similar situation on Indian Railways elsewhere. Condition of in-use or abandoned ROB, RUB and FOB meant for road users may not be in sound condition. There appears to be lacking on the part of safety inspection of such structures. These may be a potential safety hazard and being railway affecting works, it is our bounden duty to see that these structures remain safe and do not suddenly fall on track.
- 3.0 In this connection, **Board (ME)** has directed that all ROB, RUB and FOB whether in service (in-use by pedestrian or road vehicles) or abandoned lying across the track, should be inspected by the concerned officials of the Division and the Bridge Organization .
- 4.0 All deficiencies may immediately be rectified taking appropriate measures. A line of confirmation about inspections carried and subsequent follow up done at your end may please be intimated to Board.

  
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