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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED

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To, All Chief General Managers Telecom Circles / Metro Districts

Subject: Regarding safety from fire incidents.

Fire incidents had occurred recently in Vasan Nagar telephone exchange of Trichy SSA in TN Circle. The investigation committee of Inspection Circle suggested following measures to avoid reoccurrence of such fire incidents in future in Telecom buildings:-

- 1. Whenever a run way is provided above or near to the A/C units, some guarding arrangements are to be done for the runway with reasonable separating distance from the A/C units.
- 2. Instead of fixed glass panels, window type glass panels may be provided so that the smoke can be evacuated immediately.
- 3. The maintenance staff should be well educated about the fire alarm panel and how to locate fire zones etc.
- 4. The maintenance staff should take quick action on fire alarm even if it is a false alarm.
- 5. Sand buckets should be available in every Exchange building near the switch room and at a reasonable access place.
- 6. Formation of fire safety officers for each building and conduction of fire drill exercise once in a quarter are to be monitored by a JAG level officer.
- 7. A non exchange line to the nearest fire station should be provided as for as possible.
- 8. The firefighting equipment should be available in all equipment rooms in working condition and the maintenance staff should be aware of using them.

Above instructions along with the other instructions issued from time to time by this office may please be followed strictly to avoid any such incident in future and compliance to this effect may be sent to this office.

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