

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY KRCL DURING MONSOON

Konkan Railway is always committed to the cause of safety and security of its esteemed passengers, which is not compromised at any cost. In order to ensure safety measures before the onset of monsoon, as also to stabilize the cutting and make the track more safe for travel, KRCL has spent about Rs.26.39 Crores for various Geo-safety Works on its route with special attention to flattening of slopes, rock bolting, and shotcreting inside tunnels. The Geo-safety works done on the route include earthwork for flattening of slopes and provision of berms, catchwater drain lining, RCC retaining walls, gabion walls, shotcreting, rock bolting, etc.

Apart from the above, necessary arrangements for patrolling track at vulnerable locations have been made, precautionary measures have been adopted at vulnerable locations and bridges, adequate reserve material has been made available for restoration work in case required, one excavator mounted on BFR has been kept at Ratnagiri and Verna to attend to any soil slip / boulder fall during monsoon for immediate restoration of traffic and necessary liaisoning is also maintained with the concerned State Government Authorities so that release of excess water from reservoirs / dams / bunds do not affect the railway traffic.

Due to the various pre-monsoon safety precautions initiated satisfactorily by Konkan Railway, Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety has approved the increase in running of train speed from 75 Kmph to 90 Kmph during the current monsoon period between Kankavali – Madgaon and Kumta – Udupi Section. On rest of the sections, the trains will run at 75 Kmph and in case of heavy rainfall and impaired visibility; instructions have been issued to Drivers to observe 40 Kmph Speed as a precautionary measure.