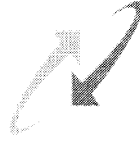


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To,
All Chief General Managers
Telecom Circles / Metro Districts

Subject: Regarding safety from fire incidents.

A fire incident had occurred recently in store depot of Damoh Telecom district of MP Telecom circle. The investigation committee of Inspection Circle has recorded that the incident had occurred due to short circuit in open wire Electric line passes through the open field of store. Due to wind pressure nearby trees stuck the electric line causing cross connection of open wires and the spark generated due to this become the cause of fire incident:

It has been suggested by the committee that the following measures be taken to avoid such fire incidents at such locations in future:-

1. Telecom store should not be stacked below open wire Electric line.
2. No flammable store like PVC pipes, cables etc. should put below the O/H Electric line.
3. Wherever possible, U/G Electrical cable should be used in place of O/H open wire line in open store areas.
4. If it is compulsory to lay open wire electric line, it should be maintained properly by Electrical department.
5. Separators of proper size should be utilized between electric wires.
6. There should not be any vegetation near Electric line.
7. The firefighting equipment should be available near store dump.

Many fire incidents in BSNL could have been avoided if the guidelines issued from this office were followed. Hence 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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