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All
The CGMs
Telecom Circle/Districts/Mtce Region

Sub: Regarding safety from Fire incidents.

Recently a fire incident had occurred in 2K CDOT M³M Main Exchange, Hathua in Chhapra SSA of Bihar Telecom Circle. The investigation committee has suggested that the following measures be taken to avoid such fire incidents at other BTS/Exchange sites in future.

1. The fire alarm system should be periodically checked and it should be always in operation.
2. The maintenance staff should be well educated about the fire alarm panel and how to locate the fire zone etc.
3. The maintenance staff should be well educated about the fire alarm panel and use of fire extinguishers to fight fire hazards.
4. Subscriber lines should be provided with proper protective devices.
5. Sand buckets should be available in every exchange near the switch room and at a reasonable access place.
6. Fire drill exercise should be done in a quarter and staff working in the exchange should be trained to use fire extinguisher at the time of fire incidence.
7. The keys of the locked rooms where technical installations are provided should be kept very easy accessible place.
8. The false ceiling/false flooring board should be of good quality and it should be fire proof and should resist propagation of fire.
9. The MDF, switch room equipment, DG set, tower, Air-conditioning units should be properly earthed. The value of earth also be checked periodically & it should be within limit.
10. Inflammable items should not be kept near the switch room.

Apart from above, all existing guidelines & other instructions issued by this office time to time including engineering instructions on prevention of fire in telecommunication buildings & fire fighting should also be strictly followed.

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