

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY
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I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI.

Dated: 07.02.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

It has been observed with serious concern that in several cases, construction, repair and maintenance works involving digging/excavation of roads, footpaths and underground utilities are being undertaken without adequate safety arrangements. Non-provision of proper warning signs, reflector lights and barricading at such sites poses a grave risk to public safety and may result in accidents leading to injuries or loss of life.

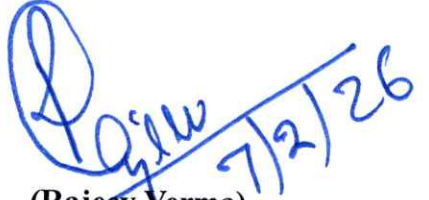
In this regard, **as directed by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi**, all ACS / Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Heads of Departments are hereby **directed to ensure strict compliance, without fail of the following safety measures whenever any construction, repair or maintenance work involving digging or excavation is carried out by their departments or by any agency/contractor under their administrative control, including but not limited to PWD, I&FC, DJB, MCD, NDMC, DISCOMs and all other executing agencies-**

1. **Proper and adequate warning signages** shall be displayed prominently and sufficiently in advance of the work site from all approaches.
2. **Reflector lights, blinkers and/or luminous tapes** shall be installed around the excavated area and barricades, especially during night hours and in low-visibility conditions.
3. **Strong, continuous and conspicuous barricading** shall be ensured around the entire work site to prevent accidental access by pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
4. Barricading should be erected in a way that no accident takes place and at the same time **no excavated material/digging should be visible to passerby or cause any dust pollution.**
5. Wherever required, **safe pedestrian pathways and traffic diversion arrangements**, shall be put in place in coordination with the concerned authorities.
6. Clear responsibility for compliance shall be fixed on the concerned field officer as well as on the executing agency/contractor.

7. The concerned **Engineer-in-Charge / field engineers** shall conduct **regular inspections** of such work sites and ensure that the prescribed safety measures are maintained throughout the period of execution of the work.
8. All Departments/Organizations shall carry out an immediate review of all ongoing and recently undertaken excavation/digging works within the National Capital Territory of Delhi and submit a consolidated report within **three (03) days** to this office, detailing the locations of such sites, the safety measures put in place, and the corrective measures undertaken wherever deficiencies have been noticed.

Any violation or laxity in adherence to the above instructions shall be viewed **seriously**. In case of any accident, injury or loss of life attributable to negligence or non-compliance of these directions, **strict disciplinary action** shall be initiated against the responsible officers and agencies as per rules, in addition to any other legal action that may be warranted.

All Departments/Organizations shall issue necessary instructions to their subordinate offices, field formations and executing agencies immediately and ensure **regular monitoring and strict enforcement** of these safety measures at all such work sites.


(Rajeev Verma)
Chief Secretary, GNCTD

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