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No.F- 15 /DJB/M(WS)/2014/ 1823

Dated: 13.06.2014

INSTRUCTIONAL ORDER

A complaint was filed by a petitioner before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the form of contempt indicating that roots of some trees were damaged by DJB during laying of water & sewer pipelines. Hon'ble NGT, after taking serious note of the petition, has issued notice to the Board. Site inspection of these locations has revealed that services laid by DJB had to pass through difficult alignment and excavation was carried out in a limited space due to existence of other utilities and trees along the route. Since DJB does not possess its own dedicated corridors, similar situations are expected to be prevailing at other sites also. Therefore there is need to sensitize all the field officers of both maintenance and project divisions to identify such hindrances well in advance and bring them to the notice of road / land owning agencies to ensure that no damage is caused to these features during execution of work. In case trees are encountered close to the alignments earmarked for laying of pipelines, precautions should be taken to protect the roots of the trees and work at site be carried out with utmost caution in close coordination with the officers of the Forest department. It will be more appropriate if an assessment of site situation is made by taking into consideration the minimum width of the trench required for laying of the pipeline and if it is felt that trees existing on the alignment require felling, permission for the same must be obtained from the concerned authority before taking up the work along that stretch of the alignment.

All Chief Engineers are requested to take personal note of above matter and ensure strict compliance of the instructions by all the divisions under their respective jurisdictions.

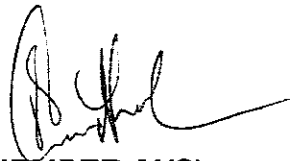
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