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SUB:

NON APPEARANCE IN THE COURT BY PANEL LAWYERS/CONCERNED BRANCH OFFICERS.

It has been intimated by the Commr-Cum-Secy. that he is being summoned by the Judges of Delhi High Court at least once every month due to the failure on the part of the panel lawyers to appear in the Courts on several dates and/or where no replies are filed by the department even after repreted postponements.

It is needless to point out that such a state of affairs is highly undersirable because it not only results in embarrassment and loss of reputation to the organisation but can also become the reason for the decision/direction of the court going against the interest of the Department.

It is, therefore, necessary that all the Chief Engineers/Directors should evolve a regular monitoring system at their level to ensure that the respective Executive Engineers/Dy. Directors keep a track of all the court cases being handled by them, and file replies in the courts well before the time limit, where-ever required. They must also ensure that either the respective EEs/Dy. Directors or some of their responsible officers invariably attend in person the court proceedings on the day of the hearing besides ensuring that the concerned panel lawyers also appear. before the court without fail. For this the respective Superintending Engineers/Directors and EEs/Dy. Directors must keep a watch on the progress of Gourt Cases and maintain a close liaison with the panel lawyers.

Merely handing over the papers/files to the Panel Lawyers will not be a sufficient response on their part.

Non-compliance of these instructions shall be viewed seriously and any slackness on the part of any officer shall attract disciplinary action.

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