

भारत सरकार Government of India रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways (रेलवे बोर्ड Railway Board)



No.2022/Trans cell/Civil/CRS

New Delhi, dated:18.04.2024

To,
As per list attached

Sub:- Procedure Order for Opening of Minor works in reference to the Gazette Notification for the Railways (Opening for Public Carriage of Passengers) Amendment Rules, 2024

Ref: (i) Board's letter No. 2022/Trans cell/Civil/CRS dated 21.06.2022 & 22.08.2023

(ii) Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 170(E) dated 11.03.2024 (copy enclosed)

In reference to Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 170(E) dated 11.03.2024 and in supersession of Board's letter No. 2022/Trans Cell/Civil/CRS dated 21.06.2022 and 22.08.2023, followings instructions are issued:

- 1. As per Rule 22 (B) and 25A(1) of the Railways (Opening for Public Carriage of Passengers) Rules, 2000 and its amendments (last amended on 11.03.2024), the Principal Chief Engineer of Zonal Railway, may without previous notice, sanction the opening of following minor works for passenger traffic, if he is satisfied, either with or without inspection:
 - (a) construction, rebuilding, modification and strengthening of foot-over-bridges and road-over-bridges;
 - (b) construction, rebuilding, regirdering and strengthening of minor bridges;
 - (c) regirdering and strengthening of all existing bridges, other than minor bridges;
 - (d) elimination of manned level crossing; and
 - (e) upgradation of level crossing and diversion of roads at level crossings

Provided that the power being exercised by the Principal Chief Engineer should not be delegated:

Provided further that the works so opened without inspection, should ordinarily be inspected at the earliest possible date, the Principal Chief Engineer shall exercise his discretion as to the necessity of carrying out a subsequent inspection:

Provided also that the authority for opening said minor works shall be communicated in writing by the Principal Chief Engineer to the concerned railway administration and a record of all works so sanctioned during each year, with particulars of the prior or subsequent inspection, if made, shall be maintained by the Principal Chief Engineer.

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- 2. For interlocking of level crossing, the competent authority to grant sanction to open works shall be the Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, with no further delegation.
- 3. For following works, the Competent Authority to grant sanction to open shall be the General Manager, with no further delegation:
 - (a) introduction of Double Distant Signalling alongwith corresponding changes at adjacent stations without yard remodelling;
 - (b) introduction of new Intermediate Block Signalling, except in section with Slip Siding and Catch Siding, alongwith corresponding changes at adjacent stations without yard remodelling; and
 - (c) introduction of new Automatic Block Signalling, except in section with Slip Siding and Catch Siding, alongwith corresponding changes at adjacent stations without yard remodeling,

Provided that the General Manager for above para (3) or Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer for above para (2), as the case may be, may sanction the opening of works for passenger traffic, if he is satisfied, either with or without inspection and works so opened without inspection, should ordinarily be inspected at the earliest possible date, but in case of works of a minor types, the General Manager or Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, as the case may be, shall exercise his discretion as to the necessity of carrying out a subsequent inspection.

4. For following works of introduction of Electric Traction Works (item(f) of proviso to sub-rule (3) of rule 3), the competent authority to grant sanction to open the section with electric traction shall be Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, with no further delegation:

25kv ac charging of section for Railway electrification work for existing lines/New lines/Gauge conversion line/Doubling/Multiple lines & Energisation of any high tension installation in this regard shall be done with the approval of Electrical Inspector to Govt. of India (EIG) as laid down in Indian Electricity Act 2003.

- 5. For Works related to Dedicated Freight Corridor (item(g) of proviso to sub-rule (3) of rule 3), Railway Board's letter No. 2017/Infra/6/33 dated 02.08.2018 and its partial modification vide Board's letter No. 2022/Trans cell/Civil/CRS dated 04.11.2022 shall be strictly followed.
- 6. Procedure Order for Opening of Minor works by Principal Chief Engineer is annexed herewith.

DA:As above.

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Procedure Order for Opening of Minor works by Principal Chief Engineer under Chapter II and VI of the Railways (Opening for Public Carriage of Passengers) Rules, 2000 and its amendments

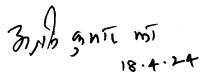
In terms of Para 1 of Board's letter No. 2022/Trans cell/Civil/CRS dated 18.04.2024, following procedure order for Opening of Minor works by Principal Chief Engineer shall be followed:

1. Reference to the Principal Chief Engineer (PCE) for opening of Minor Works:

- 1.1 Concerned Railway administration (CE(Con.)/DRM of division) shall refer the Minor work, to open for public carriage of passengers, to the PCE after ensuring that the Minor Work to be opened for public carriage of passengers is complete in all respects as per the Codes and Manuals of Practice as specified, and the stipulations mentioned in sanction to execute the works, if any, have been complied. The completion plan of the work shall be attached with the application.
- 1.2. The clearance from the concerned CAO(Con.) shall be submitted for minor works on construction projects confirming following:
 - i. The works has been completed as per the approved plans/designs/project sheets.
 - ii. The Minor work sought to be opened has been constructed in accordance with the relevant Indian Railways Standard Codes and Manuals.

2. Opening of Railway Minor Works:

- 2.1 The Principal Chief Engineer of the Zonal Railway may, sanction the opening of any Minor work for passenger traffic, if he is satisfied that works referred can be opened for the public carriage of passengers without any danger to the public using it, with or without inspection.
- 2.2. In case, Principal Chief Engineer considers that inspection of work is required before opening, concerned Railway administration (CE(Con.)/DRM of division) shall make arrangements, as necessary, to facilitate the inspection of PCE and accompany the inspection of PCE.
- 2.3. The authority for opening any Minor work shall be communicated in writing by the Principal Chief Engineer to the concerned Railway administration. A record of all above works so sanctioned during each year, with particulars of the prior or subsequent inspection, if made, shall be maintained by the Principal Chief Engineer's office.



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सा.का.नि. 170(अ).—केंद्रीय सरकार, रेल अधिनियम, 1989 (1989 का 24) की धारा 198 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, रेलवे को चालू करने संबंधी (यात्रियों के सार्वजनिक वहन के लिए) नियम, 2000 का और संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात्:-

- 1. संक्षिप्त नाम और प्रारंभ.- (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम रेलवे को चालू करने संबंधी (यात्रियों के सार्वजनिक वहन के लिए) संशोधन नियम, 2024 है।
 - (2) ये नियम राजपत्र में इनके प्रकाशन की तारीख को प्रवृत्त होंगे।
- 2. रेलवे को चालू करने संबंधी (यात्रियों के सार्वजनिक वहन के लिए) नियम, 2000 (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् उक्त नियम कहा गया है) के अध्याय -VI में, नियम 22क. के पश्चात्, निम्नलिखित नियम अंत:स्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात:-

"22ख. नियम 3 में उप-नियम (3) के परंतुक की मद (क) से (ङ) {मद (च) और (छ) से भिन्न} के अधीन विनिर्दिष्ट कार्यों को चालू करना -

(1) मदों के लिए:

- (क) ऊपरी पैदल पुलों और ऊपरी सड़क पुलों का निर्माण, पुनर्निर्माण, उपांतरण और मजबूत करना;
- (ख) छोटे पुलों का निर्माण, पुनर्निर्माण, पुनः गर्डर लगाना और मजबूत करना;
- (ग) छोटे पुलों से भिन्न सभी विद्यमान पुलों पर पुन: गर्डर लगाना और मजबूत करना;
- (घ) चौकीदार युक्त क्रॉसिंग को हटाना; और
- (ङ) समपार को अपग्रेड करना और समपारों पर सड़क का पथांतरण,

क्षेत्रीय रेलवे का प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर, बिना किसी पूर्व सूचना के और निरीक्षण करके या बिना निरीक्षण किए, यदि उसका समाधान हो जाता है, यात्री यातायात के लिए उक्त छोटा निर्माण कार्य चालू करने की मंजूरी अनुदत्त कर सकेगा:

परंतु कि इस नियम के अधीन क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर द्वारा प्रयोग की जा रही शक्ति को प्रत्यायोजित नहीं किया जाना चाहिए:

परंतु यह और कि निरीक्षण के बिना चालू किए गए निर्माण कार्यों का साधारणत: यथासंभव शीघ्र तारीख को निरीक्षण किया जाना चाहिए, क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर पश्चात्वर्ती निरीक्षण करने की आवश्यकता के लिए अपने विवेक का उपयोग करेगा:

परंतु यह भी कि उक्त छोटा निर्माण कार्य के चालू कराने के प्राधिकार के संबंध में क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर द्वारा संबंधित रेलवे प्रशासन को लिखित में संसूचित किया जाएगा तथा प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान ऐसे मंजूरी प्रदान किए गये सभी निर्माण कार्यों का अभिलेख, यदि बनाया गया है, जिसके अन्तर्गत पूर्व या पश्चात्वर्ती निरीक्षण की विशिष्टियां भी है, क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर द्वारा रखा जाएगा।

- (2) समपारों के अंतर्पाशन संबंधी निर्माण कार्यों को चालू करने की मंजूरी अनुदत्त करने के लिए, आगे बिना किसी और को प्रत्यायोजित किए, सक्षम प्राधिकारी, क्षेत्रीय रेल के प्रधान मुख्य सिगनल और दूरसंचार इंजीनियर होंगे।
- (3) मदों के लिए:
 - (क) यार्ड का पुन: प्रतिरूपण किए बिना पार्श्वस्थ स्टेशनों पर तत्स्थानी परिवर्तनों के साथ दोहरी दूरी संकेतक प्रणाली की पुर:स्थापना करना;
 - (ख) यार्ड का पुन: प्रतिरूपण किए बिना पार्श्वस्थ स्टेशनों पर तत्स्थानी परिवर्तनों के साथ, स्लिप साइडिंग और कैच साइडिंग वाले खण्डों के सिवाय, नई मध्यवर्ती खंड संकेतक प्रणाली की पुर:स्थापना करना; और
 - (ग) यार्ड का पुन: प्रतिरूपण किए बिना पार्श्वस्थ स्टेशनों पर तत्स्थानी परिवर्तनों के साथ, स्लिप साइर्डिंग और कैच साइर्डिंग वाले खण्डों के सिवाय, नई स्वचालित खंड संकेतक प्रणाली की पुर:स्थापना करना,

कार्य चालू करने संबंधी मंजूरी अनुदत्त करने के लिए, आगे बिना किसी और को प्रत्यायोजित किए, सक्षम प्राधिकारी क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक होंगे:

परंतु कि क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के यथास्थिति महाप्रबंधक या प्रधान मुख्य सिगनल और दूरसंचार इंजीनियर, निरीक्षण करके या निरीक्षण किए बिना, उसका समाधान हो जाता है, तो इस नियम के अधीन, यात्री यातायात के लिए कार्यों को चालू करने की स्वीकृति अनुदत्त कर सकेंगे और निरीक्षण किये बिना चालू किए गए कार्यों का सामान्यतया यथासंभव शीघ्र निरीक्षण कर लेना चाहिये किंतु छोटे किस्म के कार्यों के मामले में क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के यथास्थिति

महाप्रबंधक या प्रधान मुख्य सिगनल और दूरसंचार इंजीनियर, अपने विवेकानुसार पश्चात्वर्ती निरीक्षण करने की आवश्यकता निर्धारित करेंगे।":

- (3) उक्त नियमों के अध्याय VII में, नियम 25क. के उप-नियम (1) में,-
 - (क) मद (ङ) के पश्चात्, निम्नलिखित दीर्घ पंक्ति रखी जाएगी, अर्थात्:-

"बिना किसी पूर्व सूचना के और निरीक्षण करके या बिना निरीक्षण किए, यदि उसका समाधान हो जाता है, तो यात्री यातायात के लिए उक्त छोटा निर्माण कार्य चालू करने की मंजूरी क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर अनुदत्त कर सकेगा:

परंतु कि इस नियम के अधीन क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर द्वारा प्रयोग की जा रही शक्ति को प्रत्यायोजित नहीं किया जाना चाहिए:

परंतु यह और कि निरीक्षण के बिना चालू किए गए निर्माण कार्यों का साधारणत: यथासंभव शीघ्र निरीक्षण किया जाएगा, क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर पश्चात्वर्ती निरीक्षण करने की आवश्यकता के लिए अपने विवेक का उपयोग करेगा:

परंतु यह भी कि उक्त छोटे निर्माण कार्य के चालू कराने के प्राधिकार के संबंध में क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर द्वारा संबंधित रेलवे प्रशासन को लिखित में संसूचित किया जाएगा तथा प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान ऐसे मंजूरी प्रदान किए गये निर्माण कार्यों का अभिलेख क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य इंजीनियर द्वारा रखा जाएगा जिसमें पूर्व या पश्चात्वर्ती निरीक्षणों की विशिष्टियां भी होंगी।";

(ख) टिप्पण का लोप किया जायेगा।

[फा. सं. 70/डब्ल्यू डी ओ/ओ आर आई/आर ओ/1/वॉल्यूम.IX] अजीत कुमार झा, कार्यपालक निदेशक सिविल इंजीनियरिंग (सामान्य)

टिप्पण: मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3, उप-खंड (i), में सा.का.नि. संख्या 625(अ), तारीख 21 जुलाई, 2000 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गये थे और अंतिम बार सा.का.नि. संख्या 633(अ), 29 अगस्त, 2023 के द्वारा संशोधित किए गये थे।

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Railway Board) NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 11th March, 2024

G.S.R. 170(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 198 of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Railways (Opening for Public Carriage of Passengers) Rules, 2000, namely:-

- 1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Railways (Opening for Public Carriage of Passengers) Amendment Rules, 2024.
 - (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the Railways (Opening for Public Carriage of Passengers) Rules, 2000 (herein after referred to as the said rules), in Chapter VI, after rule 22A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"22B. Opening of works specified under items (a) to (e) to proviso {other than items (f) and (g)} of subrule (3) of rule 3,-

- (1) For items,-
 - (a) construction, rebuilding, modification and strengthening of foot-over-bridges and road-over-bridges;
 - (b) construction, rebuilding, regirdering and strengthening of minor bridges;
 - (c) regirdering and strengthening of all existing bridges, other than minor bridges;
 - (d) elimination of manned level crossing; and

(e) upgradation of level crossing and diversion of roads at level crossings,

the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway, may without previous notice, sanction the opening of said minor works for passenger traffic, if he is satisfied, either with or without inspection:

Provided that the power being exercised by the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway under this rule should not be delegated:

Provided further that the works so opened without inspection, should ordinarily be inspected at the earliest possible date, the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway shall exercise his discretion as to the necessity of carrying out a subsequent inspection:

Provided also that the authority for opening said minor works shall be communicated in writing by the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway to the concerned railway administration and a record of all works so sanctioned during each year, with particulars of the prior or subsequent inspection, if made, shall be maintained by the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway.

- (2) For interlocking of level crossing, the competent authority to grant sanction to open works shall be the Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer of zonal railway, with no further delegation.
- (3) For items,
 - (a) introduction of Double Distant Signalling alongwith corresponding changes at adjacent stations without yard remodelling;
 - (b) introduction of new Intermediate Block Signalling, except in section with Slip Siding and Catch Siding, alongwith corresponding changes at adjacent stations without yard remodelling; and
 - (c) introduction of new Automatic Block Signalling, except in section with Slip Siding and Catch Siding, alongwith corresponding changes at adjacent stations without yard remodeling,

the Competent Authority to grant sanction to open works shall be the General Manager of zonal railway, with no further delegation:

Provided that the General Manager or Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer of the zonal railway, as the case may be, may sanction the opening of works for passenger traffic under this rule, if he is satisfied, either with or without inspection and works so opened without inspection, should ordinarily be inspected at the earliest possible date, but in case of works of a minor types, the General Manager or Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer of Zonal Railway, as the case may be, shall exercise his discretion as to the necessity of carrying out a subsequent inspection.";

- (3) In chapter VII of the said rules, in rule 25A, in sub-rule (1),-
 - (i) for the longline, occurring after item (e), the following longline shall be substituted, namely:-

"the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway, may without previous notice, sanction the opening of said minor works for passenger traffic, if he is satisfied, either with or without inspection:

Provided that the power being exercised by the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway under this rule should not be delegated:

Provided further that the works so opened without inspection, should ordinarily be inspected at the earliest possible date, the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway shall exercise his discretion as to the necessity of carrying out a subsequent inspection:

Provided also that the authority for opening said minor works shall be communicated in writing by the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway to the concerned railway administration and a record of all works so sanctioned during each year, with particulars of the prior or subsequent inspection, if made, shall be maintained by the Principal Chief Engineer of zonal railway.";

(ii) the Note shall be omitted.

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Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 625(E), dated the 21st July, 2000 and was last amended vide number G.S.R. 633(E), dated the 29th August, 2023.