

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

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**The General Managers,
All Indian Zonal Railways.**

SUB: Vigilance Control Device (VCD) reset control on locomotives.

VCD reset push button and alerter lamp is provided on control stands of Diesel locomotives and Loco Pilot (LP) & Asst. Loco Pilot (ALP) side in electric loco cabs to monitor the alertness of the crew. However, only Loco Pilot is to acknowledge and reset VCD alert. ALP is to closely watch the action of LP, in case LP fails to acknowledge/ reset VCD, it is the duty of ALP to warn the LP, to avoid SPAD and accidents. In case warning is not heeded immediately, ALP has to apply emergency brakes.

Some accidents cases have been reported by Zonal Railways, where ALP has acknowledged VCD alerts, without realizing that the LP is not alert and failed to apply emergency brake.

In consultation with Electrical and Safety Directorates, it is desired that resetting of VCD should be done only by the Loco Pilot. In case the LP is not alert to reset it, ALP is to warn him and if his warning is not heeded, he has to apply emergency brakes immediately.

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