

भारतसरकार(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
रेलमंत्रालय(MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)
रेलवेबोर्ड(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2017/Safety (DM)/7/25

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**General Manager
South East Central Railway**

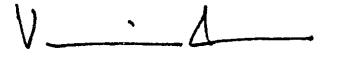
Sub: Incident of Signal Passing At Danger in SECR.

On 16.08.2017 while working train no. DN BCN/DTO Goods, Locopilot has passed Intermediate Block Hut signal No. S-30 between Baradwar-Sakti stations in Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway at 03.50 hrs.

As per information received from Chief Safety Officer/SECR, Locopilot and Assistant loco pilot have admitted that they passed the signal at danger due to napping. It is also understood that Vigilance Control Device (VCD) in the locomotive 31380 WAG9/Gomoh was in isolated condition since 04.08.2017.

Vigilance Control Device was provided on the locomotive to monitor the alertness of the crew through a multi resetting system which gets reset by specified normal operation by the crew. Board had issued policy guidelines regarding functioning of VCD vide letter no. 2014/Safety(DM)/7/1 dated 25.08.2014, as per these instructions, if VCD gets defective/isolated on run, the locomotive should be declared as failed at loco changing point or at the destination. Locomotive involved in the SPAD should have been failed much before, however, traction controllers allowed running of the locomotive in gross violation of Railway Board guidelines. In this case the purpose of provision of VCD got defeated resulting into an accident.

It is requested that the responsibility may be fixed for allowing the locomotive with defective VCD and clear instructions may be issued to all concerned to strictly adhere to the safety guidelines issued by the Board. Action taken in this regard may please be advised to Railway Board.


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