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Sub: Train operation during Fog in Automatic Signalling Sections.

Some of the Zonal Railways have SR which provides for a minimum distance of 150 metres or two clear OHE spans in case of the train hauled by any locomotive or 75 metres or one clear OHE span in case of EMU train, between two trains in one Automatic Signalling territory consequent to the train having passed a 'Red' aspect of the Automatic Signal and the following train also coming on to the same Automatic Signalling Section.

In dense fog, in most cases, it is found that the visibility is less than 20-30 metres and it is not feasible to follow these instructions.

Zonal Railways, may like to review these in the light of Board's guidelines given as under:-

"During dense fog, after passing an Automatic Stop Signal at 'On' (Red), the Loco pilot/Motorman of the train hauled by any locomotive including EMU train shall, while moving at a speed not exceeding 8 kmph, should ensure that he maintains a reasonable distance at which he is able to observe the flashing tail lamp of the train ahead or the obstruction, as the case may be. Zonal Railways may like to communicate to all their Loco pilots who work in Automatic sections affected by fog that they may control the speed of the train/EMU, MEMU, DEMU etc. so as to be able to stop adequately short of the train or obstruction."

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