Government of India Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)

No. 2000/Safety (A&R)/19/39/Pt-I

New Delhi, Dt. 18.05.10

The Chief Operations Manager, All Zonal Railways,

Sub:- Working Instructions for Manned Non-Interlocked Level Crossing Gates
Normally Closed to Road Traffic.

Ref:- Board's letter No. 2000/Safety(A&R)/19/39 Pt dt. 01.10.2008

With the increase in the number of manned level crossings on Indian Railways there shall be considerable pressure on the ASM to exchange private number with each of the gates connected to his station for the purpose of passing trains as also allowing road traffic to pass across the level crossing. This is in particular reference to the manned non-interlocked level crossings which have their normal position closed to road traffic.

Working Instructions for manned level crossings had been issued initially vide Board's letter No. 2000/Safety(A&R)/19/39 dt. 08.05.2002. Some of the Zonal Railways, however, did not implement these Working Instructions especially for manned non-interlocked level crossings normally closed to road traffic and continued with their existing system. Central Railway was one of them which insisted that their system of working was safe as also practicable and which had been operative on their railway for the last 30 years without any accident. Based on the reference made by Central Railway to permit them to continue with their existing system, Board had vide letter No. 2000/Safety(A&R)/19/39 Pt dt. 01.10.2008 advised all Zonal Railways that "it has been decided that Central Railway may continue with their present system of working of gates, while other Zonal Railways may either adopt the Central Railways pattern of working of gates (as per the Subsidiary Rules of Central Railway) or follow guidelines contained in Board's letter No. 2000/Safety(A&R)/19/39 dt. 08.05.2002". A copy of above letter issued by Railway Board dated 01.10.2008 is enclosed for ready reference in Annexure.

It is not known as to whether any of the Zonal Railways (other than Central Railway) have made a modification in the system of working of manned non-interlocked level crossing gates with their normal position closed to road traffic based on the Central Railways pattern. If so, the Zonal Railways may advise Railway Board, accordingly; if not the Zonal Railways may as desired by MT communicate their views especially in the light of large scale manning which is now to be undertaken.

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Encl As above resided

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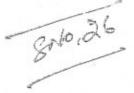
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)



No.2000/Safety(A&R)/19/39 Pt

New Delhi, dated 01.10.2008

The General Manager All Indian Railways Konkan Railway Corporation

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Sub: Review of Working Instructions of Manned Level Crossing Gates.

Ref: Board's letters of even number dated 08.05.2002, 04.11.2003 and 18.08.2008.

Consequent to a number of references received from some of the zonal railways, the subject matter was examined by the Board and the Zonal Railways were advised that any modification in the instructions contained in letters under reference can be made by the Zonal Railways locally subject to relevant provisions under G&SR.

Further, based on COM/Central Railway's reference requesting to approve to continue with the "Working Instructions of Level Crossing Gates" which has remained in vogue on their system for over thirty years successfully without any problem, subject matter has again been considered. It has been decided that Central Railway may continue with their present system of working of gates while other zonal railways either adopt the Central Railway's pattern of working of gates (as per extracts – 4 pages - of their G&SRs' from pages 388 to 391 attached) or follow detailed guidelines contained in Board's letters under reference.

The only change which is to be done in the Subsidiary Rules of Central Railway is as under:-

 Traffic Gates are ones within "Outermost stop signals" and not within the "Station Limits" as mentioned in the Subsidiary Rules of Central Railway.

 Gate Working Instructions are to be signed by Sr.DOM/DOM not Sr. DSO) and the Sr. DEN /DEN.

 For Gates to be kept "Open to Road Traffic" prior approval of COM and CE or PCE is to be taken;

Please acknowledge receipt and report compliance.

Encls: As above.

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No.2000/Safety(A&R)/19/39 Pt

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