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Sub:- Communication at Level Crossing Gates.

Zonal Railways have been advised to step up the pace of manning so as to complete manning of qualifying unmanned level crossings at the earliest. One of the problems faced by Railways in manning of Level Crossing is feasibility of exchange of private nos. by gateman with the ASM of the station to which the gate is connected with telephone communication. It has been noticed that some of the stations already have large nos. of Level Crossings gates connected with them. If more gates are connected to such stations, it may not be feasible for the ASM to exchange private numbers. On the other side, there are adjacent stations, which are connected with lesser nos. of Level Crossings.

It is, therefore, advised that in above situations, for both existing and new gates, whenever the gate communication is to be provided through quad cable, which runs through the block section (between two stations), some rationalization, about the number of gates to be connected to each station should be done. Efforts should be made to reduce as far as possible the imbalance in no. of gates connected with each of the adjacent stations i.e. the guiding principle for provision of LC gate telephones should be the number of gates to be connected to each block station instead of the existing geographical location based criteria.

Secure communication between ASM and the gateman should be provided as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/SPN/TC/51/2004.

However, aforesaid is an aim to be achieved over a period of time and the exercise of manning of the Level Crossings should not be retarded to achieve such a balance, i.e. such stipulations should not come in way of manning of any number of unmanned level crossings which otherwise qualify for manning.

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