

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2010/Safety(A&R)/19/8

New Delhi, dated 1,10.2010

The Chief Operations Manager(G) Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi

Sub: Modification to engine whistle code while approaching and passing through a level crossing- SR to GR 4.50.

Ref: (i) Your letter No. 403-T/78/Safety-I dated 25.08.2010.

(ii) Board's letter of even number dated 14.05.2010.

With reference to your letter at (i) above, the points raised in view of Board's letter at (ii) above regarding whistling time and time gap between two whistles at level crossings to replace the existing "long continuous whistling with intermittent (____) whistling by the Loco Pilot while approaching a level crossing has been examined.

It is clarified that the number of long whistles sounded intermittently would depend on the judgement of the Loco Pilot based on actual conditions prevailing on the approach of the level crossing viz. road traffic, trespassers trying to cross the level crossing in the face of an approaching train till the time he (the Loco Pilot) passes the level crossing. The trespassers would also include pedestrians and road vehicles (2-wheelers/motorcycles/scooter/cycles etc.). The visibility at the LC gate on the approach of the train, would be a relevant factor to guide the Loco Pilot; based on it the time gap of intermittent whistling may be decided solely by Loco Pilot himself. In case the visibility is restricted, the intermittent whistling may continue till he (the Loco Pilot) passes the level crossing.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Deputy Director/Safety(A&R)

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