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Sub: Working Instructions for Manned Level Crossing Gates.

Ref: (i) CPTM/SER's letter No.OPS/50/Rules & Clarification/Pt.I dated 27.10.2010

(ii) Board's letter of even number dated 24.09.2010.

The two issues mentioned in the letter at reference (i) above have been examined in Board's office. In this regard, the Board's letter dated 24.09.2010 at reference (ii) may kindly be perused. At page 2 of this letter, the broad principles to be followed while framing detailed instructions have been laid down wherein it is *inter alia* mentioned that the gateman should be able to open the gate <u>at least</u> every 20 minutes or so. SR 16.03.01(b) of SE Railway already provides for opening of busy LC gates every 10 minutes. This SR is thus not in conflict with the instructions issued by the Board and as such, the same may continue to remain in force.

Regarding second issue, it is mentioned that vide last para of Board's *ibid* letter, COMs, in consultation with PCEs, have now been empowered to frame their own Working Instructions for **all** types of LC gates depending upon local conditions prevailing over their systems. As such, the Railway may frame its own working instructions for level crossing gates, as deemed fit, consistent with requirements of Operations and Safety, as also keeping in view the feasibility of exchange of Private Numbers by ASM with Gatemen.

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