## भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA रेल मंत्रालय/MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे बोर्ड/RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2023/TT-1/27/8 (efile 3440611)

New Delhi, dated 09.10.2024

General Manager, All Indian Railways.

> Sub: Signal Spacing in Automatic Block Signalling territory Ref: Board's order No.ERB-1/2024/23/37 dated 28.06.2024.

A committee vide Board's letter under reference was constituted by Ministry of Railways to review the spacing of signals in Automatic Block Signalling.

- 2. Based on the recommendations of the committee, Board has approved the following guidelines for spacing of signals in Automatic Block Signalling territory:
  - 1. For ABS Signalling territory, signal spacing shall be as defined in IRSEM para 7.1.14(h), 20.1.1 (e) and they shall be normally located with a spacing of one km from each other subject to other criteria and headway required.
  - II. Locations of signals may be planned by zonal railways based on site requirement like gradient etc. after joint survey by Signal Sighting Committee.
  - III. There shall not be wide variation in spacing of Signals in contiguous sections to avoid confusion to loco pilot.
  - IV. The spacing of ABS Signals for lines on Dedicated Freight Corridors or lines exclusively used for freight traffic may normally be kept at 2 kms as per existing practice of WDFC and
  - V. All efforts to be made to segregate passenger and freight traffic in sections with 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> lines to get maximum benefit from ABS.
  - VI. Elimination of LC gates shall be expedited to enable uniform spacing of Signals in ABS territory.

This issues with approval of Board (MOBD, MI, MTRS and CRB & CEO).

Executive Director (Signal dev.)

Executive Director (TT/Freight)

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