

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

**No. 2023/S&T/Dev/Kavach.Corres.-Part (1)**

**Dated: 11.04.25**

**PCSTEs  
All Zonal Railways**

**Sub: Implementation of Measures Related to Kavach System**

**Ref: NCR's Joint Procedure Order (JPO) no.  
NCR/JPO-Kavach/01-25 dated 05.04.25 (Copy enclosed)**

North Central Railway (NCR) has issued a detailed Joint Procedure Order (JPO) outlining streamlined practices for the effective trials for successful implementation and operation of the Kavach.

These proactive measures may serve as a reference framework for implementation across all Zonal Railways.

You are, therefore, advised to study the NCR JPO on Kavach trials and implementation and adopt similar procedures in your respective zones, with necessary adaptations suited to local conditions.

A standardized approach to implementation and operation is essential for ensuring the safe and reliable rollout of Kavach across Indian Railways.

Officers and staff at the divisional level involved in the Kavach roll-out may be instructed to strictly adhere to the prescribed procedures.

A confirmation should be sent to the Railway Board at the earliest after the implementation of the above.

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**Executive Director/S&T(Dev)-I  
Railway Board**

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- PED/S&T, RDSO, Lucknow, ED/Tele-II, RDSO, Secunderabad; For any inputs, modifications or suggestions on this matter to Zonal Railways.

## JOINT PROCEDURE ORDER FOR KAVACH TRIALS OVER NCR

**A. References used in drawing this Joint Procedure Order: -**

1. Railway Board's L No. 2023/S&T/Dev/Kavach Corres. Dt 09.08.2024, regarding "Implementation of KAVACH on Indian Railways in mission mode".
2. RDSO specification RDSO/SPN/196/2020(Ver-4.0)- "Specification of KAVACH (Indian Railway ATP)" with amendments upto 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
3. SEM Para 7.8.9 - "Important minimum signalling features"
4. SEM Para 9.2.2 (j). "Provision of Automatic Train Protection system at Station/IBS/LC Gates/ABS huts etc. subject to certification by an Independent Safety Assessor."
5. RDSO-SIGOTCAS(KERX)/1/2023 dated 13.09.2024, regarding "RDSO's letter permitting passenger trials equipped with Onboard Kavach of M/s Kernex in BDNP-KSQ section of NCR.
6. No. E(MPP)/2023/3/2/8 by Training Directorate Dt 19/12/2024. "Training contents on KAVACH Training of CLIs & LPs /ALPs".

**B. This JPO is drawn to carry out Kavach Trials on NC Railway, which is applicable on all trains, including Vande Bharat. Trains except following types of Trains**




1. MEMU/EMU Trains
2. DEMU Trains

**C. Installation and commissioning of KAVACH (Indian Railway's Indigenous Automatic Train Protection system) is currently underway across the entire NCR currently in Prayagraj (CPYZ to DDU) and in Agra Division (PWL to DHO) and will shortly start on Jhansi Division( DHO to BINA). As per the Railway Board's L No. 2023/S&T/Dev/Kavach Corres. Dt 09.08.2024, the implementation of Kavach is to be done in Mission Mode on Indian Railways.**

To ensure the successful Implementation and integration of KAVACH into Railway operations within North Central Railway (NCR), it is crucial to conduct a comprehensive series of trials after the commissioning of Kavach Equipment's.

The trial(s) shall be started subject to completion of following stages: -



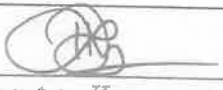
1. FAT (Factory Acceptance Test) and SAT (Site Acceptance Test) of ON-Board Kavach and Station Kavach shall be completed for the desired section, where trial(s) has to be done.

		
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- c) During the test, the KAVACH system will operate with the Brake Interface Unit (BIU) in a working condition, i.e. KAVACH will apply brakes. The primary objective of this test is to observe the functioning of the entire KAVACH system.
- d) The following tests will be conducted in this trial phase
1. SPAD prevention testing on Main line and Loop Line.
  2. Loop line Speed Control test.
  3. PSR monitoring.
  4. SOS Generation.
- e) The Procedure for carrying out above tests are detailed in Annexure-1.
- f) For conducting this trial BIU selector switch position will be "1 (enable)" and EP switch position will also be "1(enable)". This will be done by S&T official under supervision of Loco Crew.
- g) The Loco Crew should be advised that the Kavach braking is enabled and they are required to carry out the scenario tests as per the authorization.
- h) The L/E to be used in controlled speed (**Not more than 50 Kmph**) in this trial for all the Loop lines speed test, SPAD test and SOS test.
- i) The scenarios as mentioned in the RDSO L No.: RDSO-SIGOTCAS(KERX)/1/2023 dated 13.09.2024 to be tested for every station.
- j) The S&T official will request two days prior to the test day to Divisional TLC that a suitable Loco and crew with required working OnBoard Kavach to be provided.
- k) The Section Controller should provide a suitable path for these L/E trials for every station in the section for which trial is to be done.
- l) SPAD test must be done at Home Signal, starter or any stop signal except the last stop signal, as per guidelines mentioned in Annexure-1, which are to be followed by SM/ASM.
- m) The Loco crew (LP / Co-LP / ALP) shall always keep the train in his control, the Kavach brake activation speed and distance chart for various load combinations is given in Annexure-2, The loco crew will take control of the train brakes immediately thereafter (This can also be seen on the DMI).
- n) Availability of LI/TL/S&T official along with authorised OEM representative to be ensured.

**2. KAVACH LOCO TRIALS USING PASSENGER CARRYING TRAIN HAVING KAVACH FITTED LOCOMOTIVE WITH INACTIVE BRAKE INTERFACE UNIT (WITHOUT BRAKING).**

- a) These trials are to be done in section(s) where the Preliminary Loco Trials have been done successfully, which will be certified by competent S&T official.




		
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- c) S&T official along with authorised OEM representative will upload the suitable software for testing in the onboard Kavach system.
- d) No scenarios will be tested in this trial. The train will run as per the scheduled timetable. The Loco Pilot will operate the train, following standard procedures and at the designated speed, applying brakes as required to regulate speed according to operational needs. KAVACH will intervene and apply brakes which will be independent to brake application by LP and based on Kavach algorithm.
- e) In the event of an undesired brake activation by KAVACH, causing the train to stop and resulting in operational delays, the system will be isolated by the S&T official on board to prevent disruptions and restoring normal operation. After this no testing will be done and the S&T officials will keep the Kavach system isolated.
- f) For the entire duration of the test, the presence of Railway officials consisting of a Loco Inspector, Traffic Inspector, and Signal Supervisor, along with authorised OEM staff, **is mandatory** to oversee the trial and ensure coordination.
- g) This trial should be carried out on **passenger carrying trains with more stoppages**, such as **15003/15004 or 12419/12420** etc.
4. KAVACH TRIALS USING LE/EMPTY RAKE/EMPTY RAKE FORMATION, HAVING KAVACH FITTED LOCOMOTIVE WITH ACTIVE BRAKE INTERFACE UNIT (BRAKING ENABLED)
- a) This will be done only after approval of RDSO for conducting trials upto maximum permissible speed (MPS) of the section.
- b) Before conducting this trial at MPS, the trial shall be conducted at 75 Kmph, then at 100 Kmph and then finally at MPS.
- c) The Loco crew (LP / Co-LP / ALP) shall always keep the train in his control, the Kavach brake activation speed and distance chart for various load combinations is given in Annexure-2, The loco crew will take control of the train brakes immediately thereafter (This can also be seen on the DMI).
- d) S&T official will request to Divisional TLC and Divisional coaching control for suitable loco and rake formation for the train in which onboard Kavach is fitted and working. S&T official will upload the suitable software for testing in the onboard Kavach system.
- e) The rake formation will be as per the advice of S&T officials. The tests may also be joined by ISA officials for assessment.

		
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Annexure-1**METHODOLOGY TO BE FOLLOWED FOR SPAD, LOOP LINE  
SPEED TEST & SoS****a) SPAD Prevention Testing:**

1. TCAS is meant primarily for on-board assistance to Loco Pilots by displaying various information etc. It shall normally not apply the brakes etc. to affect train running if the operating rules are properly observed. Therefore, in order to test these functionalities, it is planned to purposefully make deliberate mistake such as scenario in which Loco Pilots of train approaching signal at Danger does not apply brakes.
2. The predetermined list of tests at stations will be handed over to Control, TLC and Loco Crew. It is advisable to have Kavach Trained Crew for this test. The movements of Loco / Empty rake and station at which the SPAD test to be conducted is decided by S&T official and the same will be informed to SM of concerned station where SPAD Prevention test will be conducted as well as to SM of rear station.
3. SPAD (Signal Passed at Danger) testing will be conducted at Station A, specifically at the home signal (FSS). Before initiating the test, the home signal at Station A will be cleared for the main line, ensuring that all necessary conditions, including the required overlap, are met. Once the signal is set to proceed, it will then be cancelled, reverting to the "ON" aspect while keeping the route and overlap intact. No train to be received from the opposite direction even if the interlocking permits (usually done after the Overlap distance). The Station Master of concerned station shall ensure that all the conditions for taking off the concerned Signal, such as LC Gates are closed & locked, Route is set & locked, Line is free from obstructions. Point indications are proper, have been fulfilled. The route shall be set to mainline only.
4. The SM of rear station, before starting the Loco / Empty rake, will convey the message to Sectional Control and SM of concerned Station at which SPAD Prevention Test to be conducted.
5. Before authorizing the SM of rear station to issue T-369(1) the SM of concerned station should ensure the conditions for taking OFF Home Signal are fulfilled. Only after ensuring above, the SM of concerned station shall authorize the SM of the Station in rear to issue T-369(1) to the Loco Pilot for passing Home Signal of his station at ON position for SPAD Prevention Test. Thereafter the SM of rear station shall issue the T-369(1) to Loco Pilot of Loco/Empty rake for SPAD Prevention Test.
6. The Loco Pilot shall follow the instructions or authority for testing of Director/Sig/RDSO, or Project Unit Official (Not less than JAG/SG) or any

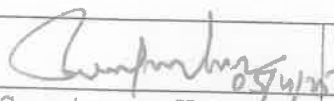


		
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**b) Loop Line Speed Restrictions Test:**

1. The predetermined list of tests at stations will be handed over to Control, TLC and Loco Crew. It is advisable to have Kavach Trained Crew for this test. The movements of Loco /Empty rake and station at which the Loop Line test to be conducted is decided by S&T Official on-board and the same will be informed to SM of concerned station where Loop line speed test will be conducted.
2. As part of the testing, speed restrictions of 30 km/h or 15 km/h in the point zones for Loop Line movements will be evaluated and tested. The KAVACH system is designed to automatically apply the brakes, ensuring that the locomotive's speed is reduced to below 30 km/h or 15 km/h, as per the designated speed limit for the specific point zone, before entering the Loop Line.
3. If KAVACH fails to initiate braking, the loco pilot must promptly intervene and manually apply the brakes to ensure that the locomotive speed is reduced to the prescribed limit (30 km/h or 15 km/h) before entering the point zone.
4. No onboard official will intervene in the working of Loco Crew while testing.

**c) SoS Test:**

1. The predetermined list of tests at stations/sections will be handed over to Control, TLC and Loco Crew. The train/rake formation will be in controlled speed in the section/station at which SOS to be done.
2. No SOS to be done without information to On-Board official.
3. The testing at stations to be done in the presence of Sectional TI/SI/SI (PU) and assurance of training of SM/ASM will be recorded in Assurance register.

		
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Type of braking : Emergency Braking Distance

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Spec. 1st

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Distance covered since brake command to achieve speed reduction to speed indicated



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Loco : 1WAP7 (Conv)		Type of braking : Emergency Braking Distancing														
		Consist: 1 WAP7 with 22 LHB AC 3 tier coaches & 2 Power cars LMLRRM														
		Brake build up time components used for calculations: Brake development (establishment) time for EBD with 1.5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> BP drop for the given train (i.e Full service brake) Loco: 13 sec, 1st Coach: 7 Secs, Last coach (24th): 22 Secs.														
		Maximum Loco BC Pressure: 2.5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> , Maximum Coach BC pressure: 3.0 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>														
		Percentage operative cylinder in train: 95%														
		Type of Brake Block: Loco: 'Cast Iron' type, Coaches: 'K' type disc brake														
		Gradient: Level														
Initial speed while commanding brake		Distance covered since brake command to achieve speed reduction to speed indicated														
Speed in kmph		130 Km/h	120 Km/h	110 Km/h	100 Km/h	90 Km/h	80 Km/h	70 Km/h	60 Km/h	50 km/h	40 Km/h	30 Km/h	20 km/h	10 Km/h	0 Km/h	Max. Retardatio
140	Distance	451	584	704	759	859	945	983	1048	1101	1122	1154	1165	1177	1178	0.86
	Speed	130	120.4	108.2	102	89.7	77.4	71.3	59.2	47	41	28.9	22.9	10.8	4.8	
130	Distance			418	540	650	699	788	864	895	951	993	1009	1030	1039	0.86
	Speed			120.2	110.6	98.4	82.3	80	67.8	61.8	49.5	37.5	31.5	19.4	7.4	1.4
120	Distance				385	485	585	639	717	782	809	854	885	895	906	907
	Speed				110.4	100.8	88.7	82.8	70.4	58.2	52.1	40	28	21.9	9.9	3.9
110	Distance					352	452	540	579	646	700	722	756	776	782	783
	Speed					100.5	91	78.9	72.8	60.7	48.5	42.5	30.4	18.3	12.3	0.3
100	Distance						318	408	465	549	575	618	635	658	668	668
	Speed						90.6	81.2	69.2	57	50.9	38.8	32.8	20.7	8.7	2.7
90	Distance							285	364	430	483	504	536	555	560	561
	Speed							80.7	71.3	59.4	47.2	41.2	29.1	17.1	11	5
80	Distance								252	320	375	417	433	454	462	462
	Speed								70.8	61.5	48.5	37.4	31.4	19.3	7.3	1.3
70	Distance									219	276	320	351	361	372	372
	Speed									60.9	51.5	39.7	27.5	21.8	9.6	3.5
60	Distance										186	232	265	285	290	291
	Speed										51	41.7	29.8	17.8	11.8	5.7
50	Distance											153	188	210	219	219
	Speed											41.1	31.8	20	7.9	1.9
40	Distance												120	144	155	155
	Speed												31.2	21.9	10.1	4
30	Distance													85	99	101
	Speed													21.2	12	0.1
20	Distance														53	55
	Speed														11.3	2
10	Distance															20
	Speed															1.3
		** Distance in Meter														