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PCSTEs  
ER, Kolkata,  
SECR, Bilaspur

**Sub:** - Provision of 'AG' Marker in Automatic Signaling territory - inclusion in GR.

**Ref:-** (i) ER Letter No. SG 156/1/SEM/Vol.II Kol. dtd. 27.03.2017  
(ii) SECR Letter No. SECR/S&T/RB/Auto Sig/1241 dtd. 29.08.2016.

References were received from above Zonal Railways that Commissioner of Railway Safety is not agreeing for the provision of 'AG' Marker in Automatic Signaling territory as it is not available in GR, though it is covered in SEM and Subsidiary Rules (SR) of many Railways. The relevant paras of SEM which mentions of 'AG' marker are:-  
SEM Pt. I Para 7.168 .2 (Para 3) -

*When a Semi - Automatic Stop Signal is required to protect a level crossing gate as also points, the Signal may be provided with an illuminated 'AG' marker in addition to the illuminated 'A' marker.*

SEM Pt. II Para 20.1.2.5(b) -

*The circuit for illuminated 'AG' marker where provided shall be such that the 'AG' marker lights up only when the conditions for 'A' Marker to light up are satisfied except for the level crossing gate which may either be open to road traffic or may have failed.*

The proposal for inclusion of 'AG' Marker in GR was sent to Safety Directorate. Safety Directorate has opined that since 'AG' Marker is included in the IRSEM, which has the approval of Board (ML), it is not necessary to amend GR as other distinguishing markers or signs can be used with approval of Board as provided in Para 3.17(3) of G.R, which says:

Para 3.17(3) of GR:-

*"Other distinguishing markers or signs may be used with the approval of the Railway Board".*

Zonal Railways may approach Commissioner of Railway Safety stating that in terms of Para 3.17(3) of GR, provision in IRSEM is adequate for "AG" Marker.

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