

EAST COAST RAILWAY

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Sub: Guidelines to prevent uncoupling cases of freight trains and backing of train prior to start.

In recent past there were 03 derailments occurred due to train backing/pushing.

Railway Board vide letter no 2006/Safety(A&R)/3/2 of date 11.01.20217 has clarified after due examination that backing of train before starting should not be permitted as:

- (i) Train may derail on an open trap in the rear of the train or burst a point which is set against a backed line.
- (ii) The backing train may infringe on a fouling mark with the adjacent lines and may result in side collision with an incoming train or a train being dispatched from the adjacent line.

However, if it is felt that pushing back is an essential requirement to ensure proper seating of CBC locks, then it must be done by ensuring that situations of point bursting and infringement is not allowed to occur. This can only be possible if the length of pushing is confined to the minimum possible length. In cases where the load is stabled for a long duration or is brought to halt in a miscreant prone area, conditions for backing could be permitted under proper supervision of the Guard or competent staff by observing the following precautions:-

- (i) Movement to or dispatch from the adjacent line is not permitted during the operation.
- (ii) Any trap or point in rear of the train is set to prevent derailment or bursting of points in consultation with TMR (if available) and SM of the station.

All officers & Supervisors of Operating & Electrical are advised to counsel the LPs, ALPs, Station Masters and TMRs accordingly and monitor strict adherence of the instructions in letter & spirit so as to ensure implementation of the above instruction. In case of any discrepancy with codes and manuals; the latter shall prevail.


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