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EAST COAST RAILWAY

Joint Procedure Order No.13

No.ECoR/Optg/SC/66/JPO/Guard

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SUB: JOINT PROCEDURE ORDER FOR WORKING OF TRAINS WITHOUT GUARD

No passenger train shall be allowed to run without guard. For freight trains running without Guard, all the instructions mentioned in SR 4.25.02 shall be followed. Whenever, competent authority approves to run trains without guards between stations, the instructions/safety precautions that are to be rigidly followed by Section Controller, Station Master and Loco Pilot are enumerated below for guidance of the staff to ensure safe running of trains.

A. CHC/Section Controller :-

1. **CHC (Shift) and Section Controller on duty should closely monitor running and working of trains without guard so that it is an urgency and never a practice. They should also keep a close watch on the availability of Guards at different bases.**
2. Through running trains having match trucks as rearmost vehicle, Local terminating loads and empties with or without match truck shall be allowed to run without Guard.
3. In automatic block system or in case of intermediate block signaling (IBS), a second train shall not be allowed to leave the same block station unless the previous train which has been allowed to leave without a guard, arrive at the next block station complete except in case of an accident or failure of the train. However, efforts should be made to ensure that trains are run with guards in automatic signaling or IBS sections to save section capacity.
4. T.O.s of such trains are to be given in such a manner that the major portion of their run is completed in day hours.
5. CHC (Shift) shall keep a record of trains running without Guard in a register on daily basis. Section controller should make a remark in SCR diary in this regard.
6. CHC (Shift) shall inform about the train running without guard to the next crew changing point well in advance and the section controller shall intimate all the station masters of his section.
7. CHC (Shift) has to monitor and balance the LV board/Tail Lamps (along with chains and locks to lock at the rear end) and atleast 2 BP gauges at stations of crew changing point as per the requirement through SMR of the station/DTI of the section.
8. Backing of train shall not be permitted in case of stalling. The train will wait till arrival of assisting engine.

B. Station Master:-

1. A caution order shall be issued by on duty SM at the train ordering station to Loco Pilot with necessary endorsement for running of the train without Guard and also indicate the last vehicle number.
2. SM shall give a remark in TSR in red ink against the train entry indicating running of train without guard along with last vehicle number.
3. While taking and giving line clear, train number should include 'without guard' and LV number. If SM is unable to see the LV board/Tail Lamp, he should inform section controller and take action as per SR 4.17.02 and 4.17.03.
4. In automatic block system or in case of intermediate block signaling, a subsequent train shall not be allowed to leave the same block station unless the previous train which has been allowed to leave

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