

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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General Manager,
All Zonal Railways
including Konkan Railway

Sub : Reception of train on an obstructed line on calling-on signal.

General Rules provide for reception of train on an obstructed line on calling-on signal under Rule 5.09. The GR stipulates the conditions to be fulfilled and precautions to be observed while receiving a train on an obstructed line. Moreover, in case an approach stop signal is defective, the train can be received on calling-on signal as laid down under Rule 3.69 (c).

Rule 5.09 clearly states that the Station Master on duty shall ensure that all the points over which the train has to pass are correctly set and the facing points locked before the calling-on signal is taken off. In addition, a stop hand signal shall be exhibited at a distance of not less than 45 metres from the point of obstruction to indicate to the Loco Pilot as to where the train shall be brought to a stand.

Rule 3.79 prescribes duties of Loco Pilot in respect of calling-on signal. The Loco Pilot is required to bring his train to a stop at the foot of the signal below which the calling-on signal is provided; and after the calling-on signal is taken 'off', draw ahead with caution and be prepared to stop short of any obstruction.

Railways are advised to launch a drive for 15 days to counsel the Loco Pilots regarding their duties in respect of calling-on signals. Sessions may be organized in the Crew Lobbies and suitable posters displayed to educate the running staff regarding precautions to be observed while moving on the authority of calling-on signal on an obstructed line. Action Taken Report indicating number of LPs/ALPs educated/counselled and number of posters displayed should be furnished to Board by 05.10.2012.



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