

- b) 'Line Clear' has not been obtained from 'Y' for any other train,
- c) 'Line Clear' has not been given to 'Y' for a train in the opposite direction.
- d) A Private Number has been obtained for the train, and
- e) The Operating handle is in the 'Line closed' position and that the Last Stop Signal control key, if provided, is in the instrument in the case of Neale's ball or tablet instruments.

3.10 'Is line clear' - when to be asked :

At train originating stations 'Is line clear' shall be asked five minutes before the booked departure time of passenger carrying trains and in case of goods trains when the train is formed and ready to start. At intermediate stations, for all stopping trains with a halt of less than five minutes, 'Is line clear' shall be asked when the train is sighted and for all trains booked to pass through that station, seven minutes before the train is due to pass through, from the time the 'Train entering block section' signal is received or immediately after the 'Train entering block section' signal is received, when the running time is less than seven minutes.

3.11. Acceptance of the 'Is line clear' signal and sending of 'Line clear' signal:

- a) If, on receipt of an 'Is line clear' signal, the conditions under which 'Line clear' can be given are complied with, the block station in advance shall accept the signal by sending the prescribed signal to indicate 'Line is clear'.
- b) Except in case of failure of the block instruments, a train shall not be allowed to leave a block station unless the 'Line clear' signal has been received.

3.12. Precautions before giving 'Line clear':

Before 'Y' gives 'Line clear' to 'X', he shall examine his Train Signal Register in order to ascertain that –

- a) The 'Train out of block section' or 'Obstruction removed' signal has been received and entered in his Train Signal Register for the previous train that has passed over the 'X' – 'Y' block section and also that the block section is clear,