

CHAPTER-XI

THE PILOT GUARD SYSTEM

11.01. Essentials of the Pilot Guard System.—

Where trains are worked on the Pilot Guard System,—

- (a) a railway servant (hereinafter called a Pilot Guard) shall be specially deputed to pilot trains; and
- (b) no train shall leave a station except under the personal authority of the Pilot Guard.

S.R 11.01. Pilot Guards shall be selected from Station Masters or Guards or from railway servants qualified in Station Master's or Guard's duties. In selecting Pilot Guards on the double line, Station Masters working in cabins who are acquainted with double line working and the signals and points on the section shall as far as possible be preferred.

S.R 11.02. Trains may be worked on the Pilot Guard System—

- (a) on short single line branches; or
- (b) on lines to which the application of the system is authorised by special instructions.

S.R 11.03 This system may be introduced when specially ordered by the authorised officer.

11.02. Conditions to be observed for following trains on the Pilot Guard System.—

Trains shall not follow one another in the same direction between stations, unless—

- (a) the Loco Pilot has been properly warned of the time of departure of the preceding train and of the place at which it will next stop;
- (b) all the trains are timed to run at the same speed, and such speed shall not exceed 25 kilometres an hour except under special instructions; and
- (c) an interval of fifteen minutes has elapsed since the departure of the preceding train.

S.R.11.02.1. Pilot Guard System procedure for introducing—

The Station Master or the official introducing this system of working shall prepare as many notices in ink as are necessary for serving them on the Station Masters at both ends of the affected block sections and Station Masters of intermediate stations, if any, and on the Pilot Guard. The Pilot Guard shall countersign all the notices and retain one for himself. The Station Master introducing this system will retain a copy, the other copies being handed over to the Pilot Guard for delivery to the other Station Masters concerned. The Pilot Guard shall obtain the signature of all Station Masters concerned on his copy of the notice.

S.R.11.02.2. The aforesaid notice shall be in the following form;

"Line clear cannot be obtained for trains to enter the section between and stations. Trains will be worked on the Pilot Guards System (add "Owing to obstruction of the Up/Down road, single line working will be introduced on the Down/Up road" in case of temporary single line working)..... will act as Pilot Guard and no trains will enter the section unless he accompanies it or gives his written permission. This order will remain in force until cancelled by Pilot Guard"