

**4.34. Duties of Guard when taking over charge of a train.—**

**The Guard when taking over charge of a train shall satisfy himself, before the train is dispatched –**

- (a) that the train is properly coupled,**
- (b) that the train is provided with the prescribed brake power,**
- (c) that the train carries tail board or tail lamp and side lamps and that such lamps are lighted and kept burning brightly, when required,**
- (d) that the appliance, if any, for communication between the Guard and the Loco Pilot, is in proper working order, and**
- (e) generally that, as far as he can ascertain, the train is in a state of efficiency for travelling.**

S.R. 4.34.1. The Guard shall not give the signal to start at the train starting station or at a station at which vehicles have been attached or detached, until he/she has satisfied him/herself that prescribed air pressure as shown in SR 4.32.3., is available in the rear brake-van. If prescribed pressures could not be maintained, the train shall not be started until the fault is rectified and if the fault could not be rectified, the defective engine or vehicle shall be detached. (Item no. 24 of AS-12 dt. 28.12.2023).

S.R. 4.34.2. The Guards shall ensure that the marshaling on trains is in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix – VIII (Marshaling) of SCR G&SR. (Item no. 25 of AS-12 dt. 28.12.2023).

S.R. 4.34.3. Guards of all goods trains (including material trains) before starting shall examine the side and end doors of all stock that open outwards and ensure that all such doors are properly secured or locked in the closed position so that they cannot swing out. In case of wagons whose doors cannot be secured and locked in the closed position, they shall be secured in the open position and hooks put on so that they will not swing out.

S.R. 4.34.4. When taking over charge of a train and before signing the BPC, the Guard of a train shall ensure that the TXR has signed in the BPC form that:

- (i) The doors of all carriages and wagons are in proper working order and can be closed and fastened.
- (ii) Vestibule connections are properly secured and the doors, when necessary, are locked and bolted.

SR 4.34.5. Guard shall also carryout duties assigned to him/her vide SRs 4.32.2, 4.32.3, 4.32.11 and ensure complying of SRs 4.32.5, 4.32.6, 4.32.8, 4.32.9 & 4.32.10.

**4.35. Starting of trains.—**

- (1) A Loco Pilot shall not start his train from a station without the authority to proceed. Before starting the train, he shall satisfy himself that all correct fixed signals and, where necessary, hand signals are given and the line before him, is clear of visible obstructions and the Guard has given the signal to start. Guard shall see, before giving the starting signal, that all is right for the train to proceed. (Item no. 2 of I of AS-3 dt. 31.03.2022)**
- (2) The Station Master and Guard may be assigned any role or duty to ensure the safety in the manner as specified by special instructions. (Item no.3 of I of AS-3 dt. 31.03.2022).**