

**CHAPTER - XV****PERMANENT WAY AND WORKS****A. RAILWAY SERVANTS EMPLOYED ON THE PERMANENT WAY OR WORKS****15.01. Condition of Permanent Way and Works.—**

Each Inspector of Way or Works shall be responsible for the condition of the permanent way and works under his charge.

**15.02. Maintenance of Line.—**

Each Inspector of Way or Works shall –

- (a) see that his length of line or works in his charge are efficiently maintained, and
- (b) promptly report to the Engineer-in-charge all accidents to, or defects in the way or works, which he considers likely to interfere with the safe running of trains, at the same time taking such action as may be necessary to prevent accidents.
- (c) Planned maintenance and asset repair or replacement or creation work shall be executed in accordance with the “Rolling Block Programme”.

**Explanation:-** For the purposes of this clause, “Rolling Block Programme” means advance planning of traffic blocks or disconnections (civil or electrical or signal & telecommunication etc., including non-interlocked work) over a specified duration upto 52 weeks, required for maintenance and asset repair or replacement or creation work, to be prepared on a rolling basis by adding one week plan every week by reviewing the output of the immediate preceding week and planning for the remaining weeks ahead.

**15.03. Keeping of material.—**

Each Inspector of Way or Works shall see to the security of all rails, chairs, sleepers, and other material in his charge, and ensure that such of the said articles as are not actually in use are properly stacked clear of the line so as not to interfere with the safe running of trains.

**15.04. Inspection of Permanent Way and Works.—**

- (1) Every portion of the permanent way shall be inspected daily on foot by some railway servant appointed in this behalf by special instructions:

Provided that the interval between such inspections may, under approved special instructions, be increased to once in two days in the case of lines with light and infrequent traffic.

- (2) All bridges and works including signals, signal wires, interlocking gear, points and crossings, overhead equipment and any other equipment affecting the safety and working of all trains shall be inspected regularly in accordance with special instructions.

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S.R. 15.04.1. The Keyman of the Gang shall walk over his length at least once in a day in each direction, examining the permanent way and attending to the tightening or replacement of loose keys or fastenings. If he discovers any dangerous condition, such as a broken rail etc., he shall at once protect the line in accordance with rule 3.62, take such immediate action as necessary and report the matter, without delay, to the Gangmate and nearest Station Master who shall arrange to communicate the same to the PWI concerned.

S.R. 15.04.2. The PWIs shall Trolley over their lengths in accordance with the instructions issued by the Engineering Department.

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