

CHAPTER - XVI

LEVEL CROSSINGS

16.01. Knowledge of signals.—

No person shall be appointed to be a Gateman unless he has a knowledge of signals.

16.02. Supply and care of equipment.—

Every Gateman shall---

- (a) be supplied with day and night hand signals, detonators, and other prescribed equipment, and
- (b) keep such signals, detonators and other equipment in proper order and ready for use.

16.03. Road Traffic.—

- (1) Subject to such special instructions in that behalf as are permitted by these rules, all gates at level crossings shall be kept constantly closed and securely fastened across the thoroughfare on both sides of the railway and shall only be opened when it is necessary and safe to open them for the passage of road traffic:

Provided that any Railway Administration may from time to time issue special instructions for any particular level crossing or class of level crossing and may by such special instructions permit the gates at any level crossing or class of level crossing to be normally kept open to road traffic and may therein prescribe the conditions under which gates are to be kept closed against road traffic for the passage of a train or trains or for the purposes of any other railway operation; and all such special instructions so long as they be not cancelled or superseded shall for the purposes only of the Railway Administration issuing the same be deemed to be General Rules within the meaning and subject to the provision of section 60 of the Act.

- (2) If for any reason the gates at level crossings cannot be so closed / fastened across thorough fares on both sides of the track, action to prevent the approaching trains, if any, from running into the gate may be taken in accordance with stipulations laid down under Rule 16.06.
- (3) Gatemen, where provided, shall, at all level crossings be prepared, whenever such level crossings be open to road traffic, to show a Stop hand signal to any approaching train.
- (4) Where no Gateman is specially provided for night duty at a level crossing, the gates thereat shall, subject to special instructions, be locked at night and opened only to pass road traffic in such manner as may be prescribed by special instructions.