

**19. Obtaining Line Block on Portable radio communication:**

- 19.1. The name of the Engineering official in-charge of the work, who shall not be below the rank of SSE should be mentioned in the 'circular notice'. Except the railway official so nominated, no other person, will be authorized to obtain blocks on Portable Radio Communication.
- 19.2. The all concerned message issued by the DOM will mention the name of the engineering official in charge of the work and the last train before permitting Line Block and also state the Line Block will be allowed on advice from the section on Portable Radio Communication.
- 19.3. If PWI is not having PN sheet, he shall obtain one such from section Traffic Inspector and return the same on completion of the work.
- 19.4. Before leaving the station for the site of the work, the engineering official in-charge will consult the SCOR who shall advise him the approximate time and the number and description of the last train after which the Line Block will be allowed.
- 19.5. After passage of the nominated train, the engineering official in-charge will arrange to protect the place of obstruction in accordance with the Rules 15.08 and 15.09 and after having satisfied himself that the obstructed area is properly protected, will call the Station Master on Portable Radio Communication and inform about protecting the work spot and give a PN.
- 19.6. The Station Master will inform SCOR and the Station Master at the other end. After obtaining permission from SCOR for Line Block, the Station Master will give message to PWI on Portable Radio Communication regarding the permission granted by the SCOR and give a PN. He will also inform Station Master at the other end of the block section about the block given to PWI with permission of SCOR.
- 19.7. Cancellation of Line Block:
  1. On completion of the work and after the track is made safe for the passage of trains, the engineering official in-charge shall remove the protection and convey to his representative at the station on Portable Radio Communication, PWI shall keep his representative at the station with a signed written memo from his side with the time and PN columns being kept blank.
  2. The PWI shall also communicate a PN to his representative. His representative shall enter the PN and time of cancellation of block and hand over the memo to the Station Master.
  3. On receipt of block cancellation memo signed by the PWI, the Station Master will advise SCOR and the Station Master at the other end of the block section and take necessary action for the cancellation of the block.

Note: In the event of failure of Portable Radio Communication, the procedure laid down in para 18 will be followed.

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