

CHAPTER - VIII

THE ABSOLUTE BLOCK SYSTEM

A. Essentials

8.01. Essentials of the Absolute Block System.—

- (1) **Where trains are worked on the Absolute Block System –**
 - (a) no train shall be allowed to leave a block station unless Line Clear has been received from the block station in advance, and
 - (b) on double lines such Line Clear shall not be given unless the line is clear, not only up to the first Stop signal at the block station at which such Line Clear is given but also for an adequate distance beyond it;
 - (c) on single lines such Line Clear shall not be given unless the line is clear of trains running in the same direction, not only up to the first Stop signal at the block station at which such Line Clear is given, but also for an adequate distance beyond it, and is clear of trains running in the direction towards the block station to which such Line Clear is given.
- (2) Unless otherwise directed by approved special instructions, the adequate distance referred to in clauses (b) and (c) of sub-rule (1) shall not be less than-
 - (a) 400 metres in case of two-aspect lower quadrant signalling or two-aspect colour light signalling, and
 - (b) 180 metres in case of multiple-aspect signalling or modified lower quadrant signalling.

B. Conditions for granting Line Clear

8.02. Conditions for granting Line Clear at a class 'A' station.—

At a class 'A' station on Single line or double line, the line shall not be considered clear and Line Clear shall not be given, unless--

- (a) the whole of the last preceding train has arrived complete ;
- (b) all signals have been put back to 'on' behind the said train;
- (c) the line on which it is intended to receive the incoming train is clear up to the Starter; and
- (d) all points have been correctly set and all facing points have been locked for the admission of the train on the said line.

S.R.8.02 The Station Master shall also comply with the provisions of S.R.3.49.2 & 3 before granting Line Clear for a train.