

15.05. Patrolling of lines.—

- (1) In addition to the inspection referred to in Rule 15.04, whenever any portion of a railway is likely to be endangered by abnormal conditions such as heavy rains, breaches, floods, storms and civil disturbances, the line shall be patrolled in accordance with special instructions.
- (2) When a railway servant deputed to patrol the line notices any condition likely to affect the safety of trains or otherwise apprehends danger, he shall take action in accordance with special instructions prescribed for the purpose to protect the obstruction on line and thereafter inform the nearest Station Master by the most expeditious means. (see also Rule 3.62)

S.R.15.05. For Special Instructions regarding Patrolling of line, see Appendix IV.

15.06. Work involving danger to trains or traffic.—

A gang shall not commence or carry on any work which will involve danger to trains or to traffic without the previous permission of the Inspector of Way or Works, or of some competent railway servant appointed in this behalf by special instructions; and the railway servant who gives such permission shall himself be present to superintend such work, and shall see that the provisions of Rules 15.08 and 15.09 are observed:

Provided that, in case of emergency, when the requirements of safety warrant the commencement of any such work before the said railway servant can arrive, the Gangmate may commence the work at once and shall himself ensure that provisions of Rule 15.09 are observed.

SR 15.06. BLOCK

It is an arrangement of blocking of track against movement of traffic over a particular section duly allowing the required material train or track machines or tower wagons of departments concerned for maintenance.

SR 15.06.1. Types of Blocks:

1. Line Block – means blocking of a portion of line for engineering purposes wherein no traffic is permitted except Material trains and Track Machines.
2. Power Block – means blocking of a section of line against movement of electric traffic. However, during this block period, diesel traffic may be dealt. This block is exclusively used for OHE maintenance purposes.
3. Integrated Block – means blocking of a portion of line for maintenance work by more than one department i.e, Engineering, TRD and S&T departments simultaneously.
4. Shadow Block – means a block, which may be or may not be integrated, availed from either end of the block section between two block stations simultaneously. (These shadow blocks can be planned during special works like changing of bridge girders, replacement of turnouts, changing of contact wire etc).

SR. 15.06.2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LINE BLOCK ON SINGLE AND DOUBLE LINES**15.06.2.1. Engineering works affecting traffic:**

1. For the purpose of these rules, Engineering works are classified under the following three categories:-