

- 12.2. Where the opening of temporary diversions or bridges requires the issue of special working instructions, necessary action shall be taken by the DOM

**13. Works resulting from accidents:**

- 13.1. An abbreviated procedure, to be adopted in case of accidents, laid down in section 24 of the Railways Act, 1989 is reproduced below:-

**Temporary suspension of traffic:-**

When an accident has occurred on a railway resulting in a temporary suspension of traffic and either the original lines of rails and works have been restored to their original standard or a temporary diversion has been laid for the purpose of restoring communication, the original lines of rails and works so restored, or the temporary diversion, as the case may be, may, without prior inspection by the Commissioner, be opened for the public carriage of passengers, subject to the following conditions, namely-

1. the railway servant in-charge of the works undertaken by reason of the accident has certified in writing that the opening of the restored lines of rails and works or of the temporary diversion will not in his opinion be attended with danger to the public; and
2. a notice of the opening of the lines of rails and works or the diversion shall be sent immediately to the Commissioner.

- 13.2. The certificate shall be signed by the representative of the works branch in charge of the work before opening it. This certificate shall be despatched to the officers concerned. The Engineering representative shall hand over a copy of the certificate to the representative of the Transportation (Traffic) branch at the site of the accident; and the latter shall not permit the passage of traffic over the restored line or the diversion, until he is in possession of the Certificate.

**14. Opening of new works within station limits:**

- 14.1. On receipt of sanction to open a new work, the DEN or the DSTE shall arrange with the DOM, the date on which the new work is to be handed and taken over. After the new work is handed over, the DEN or the DSTE shall advise the CE.
- 14.2. When the work is important and affects a running line, the DOM as well as the Engineering and/or Signal officer(s) should be present at the time of handing over.
- 14.3. When the work is not important and does not affect a running line, the Engineering and/or Signal officer(s) may authorise the PWI and/or the Signal Inspector to hand over the work and the DOM may authorise the Traffic Inspector or Station Master to take over the work.

**Note:** - (i) The Transportation officer or Inspector, who takes over a new work, should satisfy himself that the knobs/buttons, signals, points and connections work freely and properly and that the installation fulfils its object. He should also see that the signal lights are properly focused, that the back lights are clearly visible from the place required by the rules, and that the electric repeaters, where provided, correctly represent the indication of the signals which they repeat.

- (ii) Before issue of the certificate and taking any interlocking installation, the Transportation officer or Inspector should instruct the station staff responsible for working the interlocking installation and test them in their knowledge of the diagram of the arrangements exhibited at the station and of the rules and working instructions in connection therewith.

- (iii) No person should be placed in charge at stations where interlocking installations have been provided unless the transportation officer or Inspector has satisfied himself that such a person has full knowledge of the working of those stations.
- (iv) After the new interlocking arrangements have been brought into use, the Signal Inspector or the Signal and Interlocking Maintainer (Mechanical/ Electrical) according to the importance of the work, should remain at the site for at least the remaining part of the day to ensure that the installation works smoothly.

**15. Opening of new works outside station limits:**

When sanction to open a work outside station limits has been received, the DEN should after testing and passing it, declare it open from that date and advise the DRM, the CE and others concerned.

**16. Provision for locking bolts, cotters, padlocks and clamps:**

When the new lines are opened for traffic, adequate number of bolts, cotters, padlocks and clamps shall be provided in accordance with S.R. 3.38(4).

**17. Special Instructions in connection with signalling and engineering works (Rules 15.06 and 15.08):**

**For the purpose of these instructions, works are divided under the following categories—**

**17.1. Category (A)**

- 1. Routine maintenance work in connection with the signalling and interlocking gear which do not require the issue of special instructions.
- 2. Normal routine engineering maintenance work such as lifting and packing, renewals of keys and bolts, isolated renewals of a chair, pot or sleeper etc., which is executed on running tracks during day light hours, inside or outside station limits under traffic and without interference to train service, which is of such a nature that no special precautions would be necessary nor any advice need be given to any operating official.

**17.2. Category (B)**

Works such as scattered renewals of pots or sleepers, oiling of bolts and greasing of fish plates or painting of bridges or other works necessitating observance of Stop or Proceed with caution hand signals etc., should be carried out according to the programme of which all concerned should be advised and notice of speed restrictions, if any, or caution to be observed, should also be issued in the Fortnightly Gazette, where necessary.

**17.3. Category (C)**

Additions and alterations and works other than routine maintenance, in connection with the signalling and interlocking gear which require special instructions to be issued by the DOM in addition to the provisions of General Rules.

**17.4. Category (D)**

Additions and alterations to or work affecting running lines within station limits carried out by the works branch which involves interference with the normal train service and which require instructions to be issued by the DOM, in addition to the provisions of General Rules.

**17.5. Category (E)**