

18<sup>th</sup> Addendum and Corrigendum (Revised and Reprinted 2020) / 48<sup>th</sup> Addendum and Corrigendum (Revised and Reprinted 2012) to the General and Subsidiary Rules' Book.

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The following shall be substituted the existing GR 1.01,

GR 1.01 Short title and commencement:-

1. These rules may be called the Indian Railways (Open Lines) General (Amendment) Rules, 2024.
2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (07.03.2024).

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The following shall be substituted the existing GR 9.04,

9.04 Minimum equipment of fixed signals in Automatic Block territory on single line -  
The minimum equipment of fixed signals to be provided for each direction shall be as follows-

- (a) Manual or Semi – Automatic Stop signals at a station -
  - (i) a Home,
  - (ii) a Starter
- (b) An Automatic Stop signal in rear of the Home signal of the station.

Note : Under approved special instructions, the Automatic Stop signal may be dispensed with.

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The following GRs shall be substituted the existing GR 9.06,

9.06. Conditions for taking 'off' Manual Stop signals or Semi – Automatic Stop Signal in Automatic Block territory on single line –

- (1) Home signal - When a train is approaching a Home signal, otherwise than at a terminal station, the signal shall not be taken 'off' unless the line is clear not only upto the Starter but also for an adequate distance beyond it and in addition for automatic working, direction of the block section ahead is not set in opposite.
- (2) Last Stop signal - The last Stop signal shall not be taken 'OFF' for a train unless the direction of traffic has been established and the line is clear upto the next Automatic Stop signal, or when the next Stop signal is a Manual or Semi Automatic Stop signal for an adequate distance beyond it.

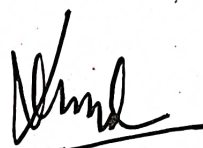
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- (3) The adequate distance referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) shall never be less than 120 metres and 180 metres respectively unless otherwise directed by approved special instructions. A sand hump of approved design, or subject to the sanction of the Commissioner of Railway Safety, a derailing switch shall be deemed to be an efficient substitute for the adequate distance referred to in sub-rule (1).

(Authority: Gazette notifications no. 148 dated 07.03.2024, vide G.S.R. 160(E), dated 05.03.24 and Railway Board's letter no. 2023/Safety (A&R)/19/09, dated 12.03.2024)

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