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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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THE GENERAL MANAGERS,
ALL ZONAL RAILWAYS

NO.2011/SAFTY-I/3/21 (.) A FEW ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSING GATES DURING FOGGY WEATHER HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS CAUSING LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES (.) IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SPEEDS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE LOCO PILOT DURING FOGGY WEATHER ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY ALL CONCERNED (.) THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS THAT THE LOCO PILOT SHOULD EXERCISE HIS JUDGEMENT WHEN THE VISIBILITY IS RESTRICTED DUE TO FOG (.) DEPENDING UPON THE VISIBILITY, HE SHALL RUN AT SUCH SPEED AT WHICH HE CAN CONTROL THE TRAIN SO AS TO BE PREPARED TO STOP SHORT OF ANY OBSTRUCTION (.) IT IS EMPHASISED THAT THE SPEED LIMIT OF 60 KMPH IN ABSOLUTE BLOCK SYSTEM IS THE **MAXIMUM** SPEED PERMITTED UNDER CONDITIONS OF FOG AND NOT THE PRESCRIBED SPEED (.) IN AUTOMATIC SIGNALLING TERRITORIES ALSO, THE SPEED LIMITS OF 60 KMPH AFTER PASSING GREEN ASPECT OF AUTOMATIC STOP SIGNAL AND 30 KMPH AFTER PASSING DOUBLE YELLOW ASPECT OF AUTOMATIC STOP SIGNAL ARE THE **UPPER SPEED LIMITS** WHICH ARE NOT BE EXCEEDED IN ANY CASE (.) SIMILARLY, AFTER PASSING SINGLE YELLOW ASPECT OF AUTOMATIC STOP SIGNAL, THE SPEED SHALL BE FURTHER RESTRICTED SO AS TO ENABLE THE LOCO PILOT TO BE PREPARED TO STOP AT NEXT STOP SIGNAL OR SHORT OF ANY OBSTRUCTION (.) MOREOVER, DURING FOGGY WEATHER LOCO PILOTS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO WHISTLE FREQUENTLY WHILE APPROACHING LEVEL CROSSING GATES (BOTH MANNED AND UNMANNED) TILL THEY CROSS THE LEVEL CROSSING SO AS TO WARN THE GATEMAN (WHERE PROVIDED) AND THE ROAD USERS THAT A TRAIN IS APPROACHING (.) SCOUTS AND GUIDES MAY ALSO BE DEPLOYED FOR ONGOING CAMPAIGNS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS DRIVES ON UMLCs (.)

THE RAILWAYS SHOULD LAUNCH A DRIVE ON THE ABOVE ASPECTS WHICH SHOULD LAST TILL THE END OF FOGGY WEATHER (.) FEEDBACK ON ACTION TAKEN BE ADVISED TO BOARD (.)

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