



भारत सरकार Government Of India  
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry Of Railways  
रेलवे बोर्ड Railway Board

सं. 2014/CEDO/ORI/06

New Delhi, Dated 17.06.2014

The General Manager,  
Northern Railway,  
New Delhi.

**विषय** : Opening of New Line in Udampur - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra section in connection with Udampur - Srinagar - Baramulla New Broad Gauge rail link project of Firozpur Division on Northern Railway for public carriage of passengers.

- संदर्भ** : (i) CCRS's letter no. R.12014/115/13-14/Northern Circle/144-149, dated 11.06.14.  
(ii) CRS, Northern Circle's letter no. R-12014/115/13-14/NC/144-149, dated 30.05.14.  
(iii) Northern Railway's letter no. KQ/C-II/UHP-KAT/CRS (Pt-II), dated 13.06.014.

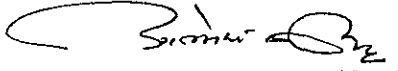
1.0 The issues raised in the letter, dated 30.05.2014 from CRS/Northern Circle, under reference (ii) above and forwarded to Railway Board by CCRS Lucknow, have been examined in the Ministry of Railways on the basis of detailed remarks furnished by Northern Railway vide letter under reference (iii) above. Accordingly, Board (MM, ML, MT & ME) have accorded sanction on the recommendation/views of CCRS and CRS/NC for authorisation to opening of section by CRS/Northern Circle with the conditions mentioned hereunder :

- (i) Observance of all temporary and permanent speed restrictions in force or as required to be imposed from time to time due to track, bridge, signalling, interlocking etc.
- (ii) All locomotives and rolling stocks which are already running on the adjoining Jammu Tawi - Udampur section as per the Joint Safety Certificate for the section, can be permitted to run on this section at their respective permissible speed or speeds permitted from time to time or the sectional speed permitted by the Central Government whichever is the least.
- (iii) Permanent Way Gangs who will maintain this new line shall be adequately equipped and trained.
- (iv) All Bridges, P. Way and Works including signals, signal cables, interlocking gear, safety installations, points & crossings and any other equipment, affecting the safety & working of the trains shall be inspected regularly in accordance with the laid down norms.

- (v) Adequate shoulder ballast shall be provided in the track at locations where it is deficient to provide LWR profile and full width of cess alongwith the required slope shall be provided in embankment as per standard profile.
- (vi) As a special case, Technical Inspection of all concerned bridges shall be carried out again by the team of Northern Railway Bridge organization and all deficiencies noted removed.
- (vii) 8 kmph board at home signal post of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra station shall be provided, as it is a terminal station.
- (viii) Speeds over turnouts and loop lines shall be restricted to 15 kmph. Separate application shall be submitted for raising the speeds higher than 15 kmph.
- (ix) Patrolling of the section shall be ensured as per provision of GR 15.04 & 15.05 and SR thereof.
- (x) Approval of competent authority shall be obtained for the technical suitability of tunnel ventilation system and other related systems provided at the tunnel T-23, T-25 and others.
- (xi) Railway Board vide their letter no. 03/Proj/SGMR/13/1/Ballast, dated 03.12.2003 and 19.02.2004 have permitted use of RHEDA 2000 system with Vossloh-300 IU fastenings on trial basis for tunnels in the section. All the precautions as required for testing, maintenance and monitoring of system shall be ensured. Concerned staff shall be properly trained for the same.
- (xii) To deal with different types of emergencies in the tunnels, assistance of different agencies would be required. Emergency trials/drills shall be conducted with State Administration, Fire Services, Health Depts., Police, Army etc. and adequacy certificate shall be issued by the General Manager, Northern Railway.
- (xiii) All the works required for fire detection, suppression and fire safety at the tunnels have been completed and regular clearance obtained from the concerned competent authority for having complied with the fire protection and fire safety requirements and wherever the clearance/sanction has been accorded subject to certain conditions, those should be complied with.
- (xiv) Adequate fire protection and disaster management measures shall be taken and completed alongwith ensuring that the arrangements for safe evacuation of passengers in the tunnel are in place.
- (xv) It shall be certified by General Manager, Northern Railway that the requirements in terms of International Codes UIC 779-9R and NFPA 130, which cover issues related to safety in railway tunnels, have been followed.
- (xvi) Staff working in the section shall be made fully conversant with the safety precautions to be taken in the section. All train passing staff at the stations shall be made to understand the Station Working Rules and rules for working in the tunnels and their assurance obtained in the Assurance Registers after proper counselling & evaluation. They shall also be in possession of valid Competency Certificates.

(xvii) GM/Northern Railway vide his letter no. KQ/C-II/UHP-KAT/CRS, dated 15.01.2014 submitted a list of Indian Railways Standard Codes and Manuals of Practice which were the basis for constructing the proposed new line. It was confirmed that there had been no deviation other than that given in Annexure-II of this letter, to the listed Codes and Manuals while constructing the new line. It shall be ensured that no change is made in the aforesaid standard Codes and Manuals pertaining to the structure of lines of rails, strength of bridges, general structural character of works, maximum gross load upon the axles of any rolling stock to be run on the new line and minimum & maximum dimensions presently prescribed in respect of the new line, without making reference to the Commissioner of Railway Safety.

2. Compliance on all the above items should be advised to Railway Board and CRS/Northern Circle.
3. This issues with the approval of Board (MM, ML, MT & ME).

  
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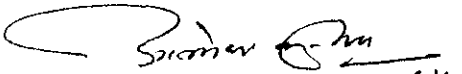
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Copy forwarded for information to :

- (1) The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, Office Compound of DRM/NER, Ashok Marg, Lucknow - 226001 for information in reference to his above mentioned letter.
- (2) The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle, Safdarjang Railway Station, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021 for information in reference to his letter mentioned above.
- (3) Director General, RDSO, Lucknow.
- (4) ED/Project Monitoring, Railway Board.

  
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