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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Sub: Train operations during point failures–Precautions.

It is necessary for SM to ensure physically that all facing and trailing points are correctly set, clamped and padlocked, the line over which the train is to pass is clear and free from obstructions, before authorizing the loco crew to pass over the defective point/signal through a written train passing document.

In recent past there were many point trails through cases noticed due to the lapses of SM & Pointsman in GTL division. All these cases were preventable had little vigilance and attention shown by station staff. In this connection, following some of laid down instructions as per SR 3.38.7.3 is reiterated for strict implementation;

1. If the Station Master on duty does not get the correct indications after every operation of motor operated points, the points must be inspected by him to see if there is any obstruction. If after verification of points, the points still cannot be set; this should be treated as failure.
2. These points to be set to required position by using emergency crank handle for operating the points manually.
3. The Station Master on duty shall personally be responsible to ensure correct setting of points. He must ensure that the points are clamped, padlocked and must retain the keys of padlocks in his personal custody before authorizing any movement over the affected points.
4. In case of manual operation of defective motor operated points by crank handles, for passage of traffic, the train may be received on signals provided:
 - A transportation staff not lower in rank than that of an ASM is deputed to operate the defective motor operated points which is to be clamped and padlocked.
 - Private number is to be exchanged between transportation staff at the points and the ASM/Switchman taking off the signals to ensure the position of the points.
 - Correct setting of the defective points, has been proved in the electrical circuit after manual operation.


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