

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**Safety.387/Fly Leaf/08/2023**

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**Attention.....**

**All Concerned .....**

**JOINT PROCEDURAL ORDER FOR USE OF WALKIE – TALKIES FOR  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SHUNTING STAFF AND LOCO PILOT / SHUNTER  
DURING SHUNTING.**

During the course of shunting, instructions have to be communicated between Shunting staff (Operating staff) and Loco Pilot / Shunter during operations such as forward movements, backward movements, attaching detaching of vehicles etc.

Also, there are circumstances / occasions where the visibility of hand signals is hindered during shunting movements due to reasons like longer formation, curvature, adjacent line occupied etc.

In such occasions, shunting instructions shall be permitted to be issued through walkie-talkie duly following the guidelines as under...

- Walkie-Talkie communication SHALL NOT replace any signal or memos mandated by any of the rule book of Indian Railways.
- Where there is clear visibility of hand signals, shunting movements shall be done ONLY through hand signals.
- In circumstances / occasions where Loco Pilot / Shunter is unable to observe Hand signal due to lengthier load, curvature, any obstruction etc.. Walkie-Talkie communication CAN be used to guide Loco Pilot / Shunter only for non-signalled shunt movements which do NOT involve movement over points, provided the same specified line is not used for receiving any other train / LE on calling-on signal or shunt signal or walkie-talkie instructions. Such guidance shall be provided.
  - i. Only by shunting staff after being physically available near the obstruction in the direction of shunting and continue to be so till completion of the movement.

AND

- ii. Only after physically ensuring that the line is clear till the obstruction for the extent of the movement.
- Shunting staff who is physically available near the obstruction shall then communicate readiness to Loco Pilot / Shunter supported by a Private number, name and designation.
  - As soon as hand signals become visible. Loco Pilot / Shunter shall be guided only through hand signals.
  - Movement during the course of shunting should be carried out only when there is continuous flow of instructions on walkie-talkie. No movement is to be carried out by Loco Pilot / Shunter when there is any break in communication.
  - The Shunting staff shall clearly mention their identity along with Train number while communicating and also confirm the identity of the speaker at the other end.

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