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Sub: Amendment Slip no. 3 to SCR G&SR - 2020.

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I. Following amendments to GRs 1.01 (1) and 4.35 that have been notified by the Government of India vide Extraordinary Gazette notification no.192 dated 08.03.2022 have been notified for implementation in SCR.

Item No.	GR No.	Existing Rule	Rule after Amendment/Addition
Item no.1 of AS-3	1.01 (1)	These rules may be called the Indian Railways (Open Lines) General Amendment Rules, 2021.	These rules may be called the Indian Railways (Open Lines) General (First Amendment) Rules, 2022.
Item no. 2 of AS-3	4.35 (1)	A Loco Pilot shall not start his train from a station without the authority to proceed. Before starting the train, he shall satisfy himself that all correct fixed signals and, where necessary, hand signals are given and the line before him is clear of visible obstructions and the Guard has given the signal to start.	A Loco Pilot shall not start his train from a station without the authority to proceed. Before starting the train, he shall satisfy himself that all correct fixed signals and, where necessary, hand signals are given and the line before him, is clear of visible obstructions and the Guard has given the signal to start. Guard shall see, before giving the starting signal, that all is right for the train to proceed.
Item no. 3 of AS-3	4.35 (2)	The Guard shall not give the signal for starting the train unless he has received the permission of the Station Master to start, in the manner prescribed by special instructions.	*The Station Master and Guard may be assigned any role or duty to ensure the safety in the manner as specified by special instructions. * **(Existing rule is deleted and new rule is incorporated)**

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Item No.	GR No.	Existing Rule	Rule after Amendment/Addition
Item no. 4 of AS-3	4.35 (3)	The Guard shall not give the signal for starting unless he has satisfied himself that, except in accordance with special instructions, no person is travelling in any compartment or vehicle or roof of the vehicle not intended for the use of passengers. Guard, Loco Pilot or Assistant Loco Pilot shall take help, if necessary from Government Railway Police, Railway Protection Force and Station Staff to remove the unauthorized persons from the compartment or vehicle or roof of the vehicle.	The Guard shall not give the signal for starting unless he has satisfied himself that, except in accordance with special instructions, no person is travelling in any compartment or vehicle or roof of the vehicle not intended for the use of passengers.
Item no. 5 of AS-3	4.35 (4)	The Station Master shall see, before he gives the Guard permission to start a train, that all is right for the train to proceed.	* In case of any travelling in contradiction to Sub-rule (3), the Guard, Loco Pilot or Assistant Loco Pilot shall take help, if necessary from Government Railway Police, Railway Protection Force and Station Staff to remove the unauthorised person from the compartment or vehicle or roof of the vehicle. * **(Existing rule is deleted and new rule is incorporated)**
Item no. 6 of AS-3	4.35 (5)	The permission of the Station Master referred to in sub-rule (2) may be dispensed with in case of suburban trains on such sections of a railway as may be specified by special instructions.	Deleted.
Item no. 7 of AS-3	4.35 (6)	When permission of the Station Master to start has been dispensed with under sub-rule (5) or at a station where no Station Master is posted, the Guard shall see, before giving the starting signal, that all is right for the train to proceed.	Deleted.

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II. Consequent to Amendments to GR 4.35, the following amendments have been given to SRs under GR 4.35.

Item No.	SR No.	Existing Rule	Rule after Amendment/Addition
Item no. 8 of AS-3	4.35. 1	The Station Master shall give permission to start a train only when the following conditions are fulfilled— 1 Line Clear has been obtained from the station in advance. 2 Correct Starter signal has been taken 'off' or where required 'starting permit' has been sent to the Loco Pilot. 3 The LSS has been taken 'off' on the double line/single line tokenless areas and authority to proceed has been sent to the Loco Pilot on single line token sections.	The Station Master shall grant authority to proceed to a train only when the following conditions are fulfilled— 1 Line Clear has been obtained from the station in advance. 2 Correct Starter signal has been taken 'off' or where required 'starting permit' has been sent to the Loco Pilot. 3 The LSS has been taken 'off' on the double line/single line tokenless areas and authority to proceed has been sent to the Loco Pilot on single line token sections.
Item no. 9 of AS-3	4.35 2.1	When a train carrying passengers is due to leave and all work in connection with it is completed, the Station Master shall give permission to the Guard to start the train in the following manner – 1 At important junction stations provided with public address system as stipulated in the Station Working Rules. 2 At all other stations by ringing the station bell as follows — (1) 2 beats for starting a Down train (2) 3 beats for an Up train (3) 4 beats for a Branch line train.	**Renumbered as 4.35.2. and amended as following:** When a train carrying passengers is due to leave and all work in connection with it is completed, the Station Master shall arrange to announce starting of the train in the following manner – 1 Through public address system at stations where such system is provided. 2 At all other stations by ringing the station bell as follows — (1) 2 beats for starting a Down train (2) 3 beats for starting an Up train (3) 4 beats for starting a Branch line train.

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Item No.	SR No.	Existing Rule	Rule after Amendment/Addition
Item no. 10 of AS-3	4.35 2.2	At terminal, junction, engine changing and refreshment room stations, there shall be a warning bell 5 minutes before the starting time. At stations provided with refreshment rooms, the passengers shall be warned by means of a warning bell before the starting bell is given.	Deleted.
Item no. 11 of AS-3	4.35 3	On receipt of Station Master's permission to start the train and when all the work in connection with the train is completed, the Guard shall sound his whistle and display a green flag by day and a green light by night to the Loco Pilot to start his train. If there is a Brakesman on the train, the Guard shall give the starting signal to the Loco Pilot only after getting a green hand signal from the Brakesman.	**Renumbered as 4.35.3. and amended as following:** The Guard shall sound his whistle and display a green flag by day and a green light by night to the Loco Pilot to start his train.
Item no. 12 of AS-3	4.35 4.	At all stations except, those provided with public address system, sharp continuous beats shall be given on the station bell to announce the approach of a stopping train.	At all stations except, those provided with public address system, sharp continuous beats shall be given on the station bell to announce the approach of a stopping train. **(No change)**
Item no. 13 of AS-3	4.35 5.	Dispensation of permission of Station Master vide GR 4.35.5.	Deleted.
Item no. 14 of AS-3	4.35 5.1	The permission of Station Master referred to in sub-rule (2) of GR 4.35 is dispensed with in case of suburban trains in the following sections: (i) Ramachandrapuram - Lingampalli - Secunderabad Jn. section of Secunderabad Division; (ii) Hussainsagar Jn. - Hyderabad section of Secunderabad Division; (iii) Falaknuma - Secunderabad Jn. section of Hyderabad Division; (iv) Secunderabad Jn. – Ghatkesar section of Secunderabad Division and (v) Secunderabad Jn. – Medchal Section of Hyderabad Division.	Deleted.

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Item No.	SR No.	Existing Rule	Rule after Amendment/Addition
Item no. 15 of AS-3	4.35 5.2	All passengers carrying DMU, DHMU, DEMU, EMU and MEMU trains (including MMTS trains) shall be treated as suburban trains for the purpose of SR 4.35.5.1.	Deleted.
Item no. 16 of AS-3	4.35. 5.3	Where permission of Station Master to Guard to start has been dispensed with under SR 4.35.5.1, the procedure for starting the trains is as below:	Deleted
Item no. 17 of AS-3	4.35. 5.3 (a)	Guard of DMU, DHMU, DEMU, EMU and MEMU trains (including MMTS trains) shall authorize Motorman/Loco Pilot by prescribed code of two bell signals to start the train provided, the Guard has satisfied himself/herself that conditions for the train to start are complied with. However, the responsibility to see and ensure that the correct departure signals to start the train are taken 'OFF' continues with Motorman/Loco Pilot only.	Deleted
Item no. 18 of AS-3	4.35. 5.3 (b)	After getting two bell signals from Guard, Motorman/Loco Pilot of a train shall satisfy himself/herself that all departure signals (including starter signal) pertaining to his/her line are taken 'OFF' and start the train, after acknowledging bell signals of the Guard by giving two bell signals to Guard.	Deleted

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Item no. 19 of AS-3	4.35.5.3 (c)	The Motorman/Loco Pilot of a train shall not start his/her train even after getting starting signal from Guard of a train, if departure signals are at 'ON'. In this case Motorman/Loco Pilot of the train shall communicate to Guard by one bell signal for 'ON' position of the departure signals. As soon as 'OFF' aspect of departure signals (including starter signal) are given, the Motorman/Loco Pilot shall communicate by giving two bell signals to Guard and shall start the train after getting two bell signals from the Guard.	**Renumbered as 4.35.4** The Motorman/Loco Pilot of a train shall not start his/her train even after getting starting signal from Guard of a train, if departure signals are at 'ON'. As soon as 'OFF' aspect of departure signals (including starter signal) are given, the Motorman/Loco Pilot shall communicate by giving two bell signals to Guard or long whistle and shall start the train after getting starting signal from the Guard.

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