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No. 645. Read the following letter from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 24th February 1873, No. 302 G.R.:-

THE system of communication in trains by means of a cord, which is rendered imperative by the regulations sanctioned under the Railway Act, is generally considered to be of limited value, but the Governor General in Council has hitherto been compelled to require the provision of this apparatus, because some sort of communication is considered essential, and no better system has been proposed. A similar consideration led the Board of Trade to formally approve of this apparatus under the provisions of the "Regulation of Railways" Act of 1868, and thereby to make its use imperative on the Railways of the United Kingdom.

2. The Government of India have now learned that the Board of Trade have withdrawn this approval, and that, from 1st January 1873, some other approved system has, under the above-mentioned Act, to be adopted in Great Britain. No information as to the precise systems that the Board of Trade have approved has reached the Government of India, but it is supposed that some definite conclusion must have been arrived at before the present time.

3. Under these circumstances it is desirable that the system of communication on Indian Railways should be seriously considered. If any thoroughly satisfactory system can be devised the Railway Companies will doubtless be willing to adopt it, and the Governor General in Council will be prepared to call for the general adoption of any such approved system on all Indian Railways, in order that there may be no difficulties in the interchange of vehicle stock.

4. One system of electrical communication which is used on the South-Eastern Railway, in England, has the approval of the Board of Trade, and the Directors of the several Railway Companies will be able to ascertain what other systems are similarly approved. The Railway Engineers in this country may also be able to render valuable assistance in this matter, and I am accordingly desired to ask whether any of the Railway Companies under the control of the Government of Madras can, after obtaining such information as their Boards of Direction can supply, suggest any system which will afford a satisfactory means of communication between passengers and Railway servants in moving trains. The same question will be put to the other Railway Companies, and all will be informed that the Government of India will require the adoption of some approved means of communication by a fixed date to be named hereafter.

5. Until some other system shall have been approved, no relaxation can be permitted in the regulations which require the use of the cord.

No. 646. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1873, No. 952.

RAILWAY, No. 63.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will invite the Railway Companies in this Presidency to suggest, in communication with their Boards of Direction, any system which will afford a satisfactory means of communication between passengers and Railway servants in moving trains.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Ed. S. T. Austin.

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