

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 211 R

DATED 29. March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Station masters and guards: Letter to the Govt of India forwarding ^{with remarks} copy of a letter from the A. S. Ry. detailing the measures taken to ensure the railway being manned by — who can be relied upon to do their work efficiently, and stating that this Govt would be glad to see the automatic block instrument introduced throughout the line.

Order no. 349 of 28.1.97

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to A for Bureau of ^{reput}~~reput~~

The Boat of India
F. R. D.

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No. 71 R.T.

Dated 20th January 1897
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Enclosures

Spare copies

Collision between two
mixed trains on the Vellore
Branch of the S. I. Ry on
28th November 1896

Orders on Govt Ins-
pector's report on the —

26/11/97

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

*All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.*

No. 71 R.T. .

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

To

Calcutta, the 20th January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. A. Anderson

Under Secretary.

Nil.

Cody to A
for labor of accounts
JMS

No. 153

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

TRICHINOPOLY, 10th February 1897.

From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

In compliance with your endorsement No. 349 dated 28th January 1897 on letter No. 41 L. J. dated 20th January 1897 from the Government of India I have the honor to inform you that the following measures have recently been taken to improve the quality of the station masters and guards on this railway:-

- (a) The introduction of graded appointments
- (b) Increase in the pay of station masters of the lower grades
- (c) Improved batta rules for guards
- (d) The stricter and more frequent examination of Station masters and guards in their knowledge of their duties
- (e) The introduction of searching periodical inspection of Stations by divisional traffic Officers.
- (f) The maintenance of accurate records of service

2. I beg to point out that during the past six years there have only been on this railway some 3 (three) cases of collisions or averted collisions between stations, a result which would hardly have been obtained if the staff was composed of inefficient men, and which as far as can be judged from the published Accident Returns compares not unfavorably with other railways.

3. Bearing in mind the very serious consequences of inter-station collisions in loss of life and damage to stock and road I consider it desirable both on grounds of common humanity and economical working to safe-guard by automatic check the important

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Form No. 7

MADRAS, 18 February 1897.

To

Agent, S. I. R.

No. 630 Reply No. , dated

SIR,

para 3
with ref. to your letter
No. 153 d. 10/2/97 I should
be glad if you would in-
form me what is the
cost of equipping a station
with the ^{wireless} automatic block
inst. and whether it
has worked well at the
stations where it has been
tried experimentally and
in this connection
I have to say - J.H.
Since why the 15/2/97
block instrument
has been removed at
Tirumangalam & Trichin-
polam (nd) Trichin-
No. 765)

Reminders.

Despatched on 18 2 97

Subject.

important duty of authorizing trains to travel between stations -
With the best traffic staff obtainable the fallibility of human
agency must be recognised. English railways have done so for many
years past, and in this country the necessity for a proper block
instrument has been emphasized by the collisions which have
occurred near French Rocks, Ajmere, Jampur City and Oerat.
The cost of installing automatic block instruments is not heavy,
and would probably be recouped by one serious collision averted.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
R. D. S. Shetty
Capt R. S.
Agent

9/2/97

From
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
Trichinopoly.
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.
Dated
Received
No. 189
ENCLOSURE.

No. 255

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

From

Trichinopoly, 6 March 1897.

THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

In answer to your letter no. 630 of 18 ultimo
I have the honor to inform you that the cost
of equipping a station with Winter's Automatic
Block system is £20, and that where the system
has been installed on our line it has given
satisfaction. The Block Instruments placed at
Trichinopoly Junction and Tiruvarambur for
experimental purposes, were removed as they
were only lent to us by Mr. Winter.

Cert 95 of 55-1 101 of 96 put up

for reference. Please
be informed.

Yours
9/3/97

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant, of

W. L. Mesurier
for Agent.

C. No. 1060
Recd. 8/3/97

R. Form No. 12.

P. W. Current No. 958

No. 211. R

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
P. W. DEPARTMENT.
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Madras, The 29th Dec 1897.

SIR,

d. 24.3.97
in the ref to your letter
No. 71 R.T. d 20/1/87 I am
directed to forward copy
of a letter No. 153 d 10/2/87
from the Agent S.I.R.

SM 24/3/97
I am to say that the measures
detailed in para 1 seem to
show that due care has
been taken to secure improve
the status and efficiency of
the station and train staff,
and that this Govt. endorses
the views expressed in para
3 and would be glad to see
the automatic block instru-
ment introduced throughout
the line.

May 5
In this connection and with
ref to your letter No. 310 R.T.
d 2/6/86 I am to say that
winter's Automatic block

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THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
Trichinopoly.

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

Dated
Received
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ENCLOSURE.

tablet within and has
been in use between Trichinopoly
and Tirunelveli since July 1856
and at station between Tanjore
and Mayavaram since Nov. 1856
and has given satisfactory results -
The Agent reports that the cost of
equipping a station with this in-
strument is £20.

The accident under reference
appears to show that the
same precautions collision
are as likely to happen on
a line with light traffic as
on one where it is heavy

W. 22/3/97 16/2/87

W
25/3/97

B/-

No 211. R dated 29/3/97

Documents accompanying
Copy of letter from
the Agent, Selby