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Carriage by railway of bulky articles: Govt

of India Circular Comdg: Their resolution
conferring on Inspectors of Railways the
power to sanction the — subject to certain
conditions, Comd to the Senior Govt Inspector

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RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Simla, the 3rd August 1897.

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Letter No. 2155, dated 4th September 1896, from Government of Bombay.
Government of India, Circular No. 8 Ry., dated 25th November 1896.
Government of India, Circular No. 9 Ry., dated 25th November 1896.

OBSERVATIONS.—Cases frequently arise in which it is desired to carry by railway bulky articles which cannot be loaded in a train without exceeding the maximum moving dimensions prescribed by the Government of India, and, under existing orders, delay takes place in referring each case to the Government of India for special sanction.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to confer power on Inspectors of railways to sanction the carriage by railway of such articles subject to the following conditions:—

- That the articles as loaded in the train shall be not less than six inches clear of any fixed structure on the section of the line over which it is intended to carry them, and not less than three inches clear of any part of the open door of any passenger vehicle which may be standing or moving on any line alongside that over which the articles are to be carried.
- That if the articles rest on more than one vehicle they shall rest on not more than two points, one in one vehicle and one in another, suitable bolsters or other arrangements being provided to enable the vehicles to pass freely round any curves in the line. Other vehicles may, if necessary, be interposed either between or beyond those on which the articles rest, but the articles must not under any conditions touch or be fastened to any part of such other vehicles.
- That the articles shall be securely fastened to the vehicles on which they rest in such a manner that they cannot shift from their original position in such vehicles, and shall not interfere with the free movement of the vehicles on curves.
- That the greatest weight on any pair of wheels shall not exceed that for which the vehicles are designed, and that this weight shall as nearly as possible be evenly distributed on the two rails. In no case must the load rest on one end of a vehicle in such a manner that the weight on any pair of wheels shall be more than double that on any other pair of wheels in the same vehicle.
- That suitable restrictions be placed on the speed of trains by which such articles are carried, particularly when passing over junctions or cross-over roads.

- (f) That shunting by such trains be avoided as far as possible, and that arrangements be made for inspecting the train by an experienced officer or subordinate of the Locomotive Department (who should, if considered necessary, travel with the train) whenever such shunting has taken place as well as at other suitable intervals, in order to ascertain that there is no risk of the article shifting.
- (g) Should any shifting take place, the articles must be brought back to their proper position and securely fastened before the train is allowed to proceed.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated for information

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and Burma.
 The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces and Assam.
 The Residents at Hyderabad and in Mysore.
 The Agents to the Governor General for Central India and Rajputana.
 The Director General of Railways.
 The Senior Government Inspectors of Railways, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Lucknow, Assam, and Burma.

and guidance to the
 Local Governments
 and Administrations
 and to the officers
 marginally noted.

Also, that it be forwarded for information to the Governments of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, the Agent to the Governor General in Baluchistan, the Director General of Telegraphs, and the Accountant General, Public Works Department.

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*To The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras
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