

Public Works (1896) Department.

SERIAL
No. 16

G.O., No. 910 R

DATED 22nd Oct. 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

General Rules of 1885 for working open lines of Railway:
Letter to the Govt of India requesting approval of cer-
tain subsidiary rules to the same - drawn up for guidance
of the P. & F. Staff.

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Letter from

No.

Dated

SERIAL
No. /

To E. R.

I understand (privately) that the S.I.R. are revising their working rules - Do you not think this would be a suitable time to suggest that they should be arranged similar to the NWR rules - that is, the General Rule is printed in large type and the 60 subsidiary rules amplifying the General rule printed in smaller type below the General rule to which they are subsidiary. I think they should be asked to exclude from these revised rules, unimportant departmental instructions such as directions how to clean lamps etc with which their present book is stocked.

Crus. $\frac{13}{12}$

ask them to let us
have the proofs to
criticise -

Where are the Revised
Index and Outline?

The rules relating to accidents are also under criticism & study.

$$\frac{18}{12}$$

As Resolutions are sent
to be issued by India. the
Revision ^{of the F.I.R.} should ~~and~~ be mentioned
The question was moved in
1891 when the Agent said the
proposal would be considered
next time the rules were
revised.

SERIAL 888

Form No. 7.

MADRAS, 20th Decr, 1894

To

SERIAL

Agent, S. I. R.

No. 2

No. 3994 Reply No. 280, dated 25.3.95

SIR,

I understand
the Co Working Rules are
being revised and shall
be obliged if a copy of
the proofs ^{when ready} can be sent
to me to criticize

WM. 20
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Reminders.

Subject

No. 280

SERIAL 818
No. 3 26/3/95
South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 25 March 1895.

From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No 3776 of the 20th of December last, I have the honor to inform you that the revision of this Company's working instructions is in hand and that the complete set of proofs are being gone through; as soon as this is done and fair proofs received, which it is thought will be in about two weeks' time, a proof copy will be sent you for criticism.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Await receipt
M 11/4

Your most obedient
William B. Betts
Agent

Feb.

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Form No. 7

MADRAS, 9th May 1895

To

SERIAL
No. 4

Agent, S. I. R.

Print

No. 1514 Reply No. 524, dated 7-6-95

SIR,

With refer^{ce} to your

No. 280 of 25th March 1895,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly let me know when a proof copy of the Govt revised working instructions will be submitted to this office for criticism.

Reminders.

No 1514, 6.6.95 CMM 7/6

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1514 : 8.7.95 deep 7/6

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1514 : 7.8.95 CMM 7/8

1514 : 3.9.95 issued 8/8

1514 : 4.9.95 CMM 4/9

CMM 9/5

Letter to Dir 1514
9/5/95

Subject.

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No. 524

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY,

SERIAL
No. 5

1895

Permit

From

Acting
THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

*ask when they may be returned
Ht 16/8*

In reply to your letter No. 1514 of the 9th ultimo regarding the revision of this Company's Working Rules, I have the honor to inform you the Acting Traffic Manager has circulated proof copies of the Revised Rules among the Divisional Officers for their views and suggestions, and that he is engaged in further revision of these Rules to bring them into accordance with the new General Rules for Railways. The Acting Traffic Manager is somewhat pressed with work at present owing to sickness in his staff, but every effort is being made to push forward this revision, and the result shall be sent to you as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant

David Logan

Acting Agent

W.A.

TC 2/19.

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No. 851

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 19th September 1895.

SERIAL

No. 6

From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to your reminder No. 1514⁴, dated the 5th instant, regarding the revision of the Working Rules of this company, I have the honor to inform you that the proof copy of these Rules is being gone through by a Committee of Heads of Departments, and I hope to be able to send you final proof copy shortly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

W. L. Mesurier
for Agt. Agent.

WLS

I think we had better have a first proof - as we may require some alterations to make

WLS 21/9

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From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

TRICHINOPOLY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Dated
Received

No.

ENGINEER.

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20.9.95

Form No. 7

MADRAS, 21st September 1895.

To

SERIAL

No. 7

Agent, S. I. R.

Print

No. 3005 Reply No. 928, dated 12. 10. 95.

SIR,

Reminders.

*As the
the office*

With reference
to your letter No. 851 dated the
19th instant, I shall be glad
if a first proof copy of the
revised "working rules" ^{if} ~~as~~
they may require some other
kind ~~the~~ ^{be} made
can be submitted to
the office in order
that any ^{class} ~~class~~ ^{may} ~~may~~ be embodied in
the final proof

which may be necessary

CPM 20/9

Subject.

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Dated
Received

No.

Enclosure.

Letter to A No 3005
21-9-95

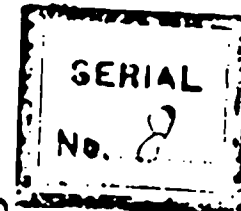
From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly,
To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

No. 928

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENTS OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 14 October 1895.



THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 20th inst. of the 2nd ultimo I have the honor to forward to you herewith a proof copy of the proposed Working Rules, which will be gone over next week, by a Committee of Officers deputed by the Heads of the Engineering, Locomotive, and Traffic Departments.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

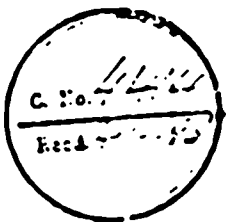
Your most Obedient Servant,

H. L. Mesurier
Agent

1 Enclosure by book post.

M.S.

are subordinate



Form No. 7

MADRAS, 18th Oct 1895

To

SERIAL

No.

Agent, S. I. R.

Print

No. 3287 Reply No. 908, dated 11/10/96

SIR,

With ref to your letter
no 928 dated 12th Oct 1895
to return herewith the 14th proof
copy of the proposed Working rules

I would invite your attention
to the marginal pencil notes
thereon, which have been
made by an officer of this
Dept

Reminders. Enc one

3287 of 4-12-95.

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Not necessary
for suggestions are
being carried out
17/10/96

The rules appear to be
in many cases contradictory
redundant & ill arranged and
are based on the General rules
of 1880 instead of those of
1895.

It would have been more
convenient if they had been
arranged as proposed in
my letter no 455 of 2-4-1895
by the General Rules reproduced
in large type with your own
subsidiary Rules, amplifying the
general rule where necessary,
printed in a smaller type
below the rule to which they
were subordinate

Subject.

Dated
Received

No.

ENGINEER,

To

THE COLLECTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS,

Madras.

From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

Tiruchinopoly.

Letter to A No 3287
18/10/95

I would suggest that a responsible officer of the Traffic Department be placed on special duty to put these rules into ^{it would save much} effect. He should be instructed to visit Madras to consult with an officer of this department.

May 16/10
C.M. 15/10

For No. 4

SERIAL

No. 10

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 28 January 1896

To

AGENT AND MANAGER, M. R.

S. I. R.

No. 295 Reply No. , dated

Received

which was left at this office by Mr H.D. Johnston

Reminders.

I consider it is worked in the same manner as a caution message system -

In returning an office box, containing a number of books & draft rules in connection with the new S. I. R. working rule book, I have to offer the following remarks

1. I consider the S. I. R. is worked on the Absolute Block System - but a large number of the rules under "Line Clear & Caution message" apply to the Absolute Block System & are not provided in Chap VI of the General rules.

(i) Rule 20 of Chap IV, provides for the case of the S. I. R. when the

(2) Many of the subsidiary rules which are taken verbatim from the old S. I. R. rules are, now that they are read in conjunction with the General Rule, redundant. 0

(3) In some instances the grouping of the subsidiary rules requires

Subject.

iron alteration (vide for
unlabeled Rule 144, which
enacts that the Guard must
regulate his watch, and sub
rules thereto (a) which says that
(c) Guards must not change
train & (d) they must not
refuse to go out with
train) ~~which is in conflict with the~~

(3) There appear to be no
subsidiary rules on signals
at junctions.

4) A number of ~~proposed~~
suggestions in pencil by
Mr. Skotkin are deserving
of attention. In many
instances they are ~~more~~
than the sub rules as at
present worded.

5) A note "not applicable to S.I.R."
might advantageously be introduced
under many of the General
Rules.

It is undesirable for me to
criticise ^{in detail} the rules in their
present form owing to the ~~sheer~~
want of legitimate numbering.
I shall be glad to receive
a printed proof for the
purpose as soon as they are
struck off.

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Comag. Engr's No. 12.

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No. 295

SERIAL
No. 70

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 28 January 1896.

MEMORANDUM.

The following ~~minutes~~
Cons. & Com. Engr. In returning an official
would object which was left at this office by Mr.
Mr. Skotkin containing a number
of books and draft rules in connection
with the new South Indian Railway
working rule book, I have the honor
to offer the following remarks:—

I consider it is worked on the line clear
and caution message system.

- (1) I consider the South Indian
Railway is worked on the absolute
block system but a large number
of the rules under "line clear and
caution message" apply to the absolute
block system and are not quoted in
chapter II of the General Rules. Rule 28
of chapter II expressly provides for
the case of the South Indian Railway.
- (2) Many of the subsidiary rules
which are taken verbatim from the
old South Indian Railway rules are,
now that they are read in conjunc-
tion with the General Rules, redundant.
- (3) In some instances the grouping
of the subsidiary rules requires al-
teration (vide for instance Rule 144,
which

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which enacts that the guard must regulate his watch and subsidiary rules which say that (c) guards must not change trains) and (d) they must not refuse to go out with trains.

(14) There appear to be no subsidiary rules on signals at junctions.

(15) A number of suggestions in pencil by Mr. Schoobridge are deserving of attention. In many instances they are clearer than the subsidiary rules as at present worded.

(16) A note "not applicable to the South Indian Railway" might advantageously be introduced under many of the General Rules.

It is impossible for me to criticize in detail the rules in their present form owing to the absence of legible numbering. I shall be glad to receive a printed proof for the purpose as soon as they are struck off.

Copy forwarded to the Agent South Indian Railway with box.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Spinal C. Serpell

Just & y.
as noted to
have proofs
Hence of 6.
for further ex-
planation -
Set at falling
presented &
cannot undertake
my duties
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SERIAL

No. 11

No. 696 R.T.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Simla, the 7th September 1896.

General Rules of 1895 for working railways open for traffic.

READ—

Section 47 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890.

Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 118, dated the 21st March 1895, publishing—in the *Gazette of India* of the 23rd March 1895—the Government of India circular No. 6 Railway, dated the 12th March 1895, and the General Rules for all open lines of railway in British India administered by the Government, therewith promulgated.

Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 257, dated the 28th May 1896, publishing—in the *Gazette of India* of the 30th May 1896—the Government of India circular No. 3 Railway, dated the 22nd May 1896, and the amended rules therewith promulgated.

Letter from the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 561 R., dated the 26th June 1896, forwarding letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 523, dated the 17th June 1896.

Letter from the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 680 R., dated the 13th August 1896.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Agent, South Indian Railway Company, has applied that the General Rules for working open lines of railway in British India, administered by the Government, which have been published under the Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 118, dated the 21st March 1895 (*vide the Gazette of India* of the 23rd March 1895), as modified by the Government of India circular No. 3 Railway, dated the 22nd May 1896, published under Public Works Department notification No. 257, dated the 28th May 1896 (*vide the Gazette of India* of the 30th May 1896), may be made applicable to the South Indian railway and to the lines worked by it.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction, with effect from the 1st October 1896 the application to the South Indian and Mayavaram-Mutpet railways of the General Rules for working open lines of railway in British India, administered by the Government, which are cited in the foregoing observations, in supersession of the rules now in force.

ORDER—Ordered, that this resolution be published under a notification in Part I of the *Gazette of India*, as required by section 47, sub-section (3) of the Indian Railways Act, 1890; also that the General Rules cited in the foregoing observations—which have already been published in the *Gazette of India*—be kept at railway stations as directed by sub-section (6) of the same section.

Ordered also that this resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information and guidance.

By order,

G. A. ANDERSON,
Offg. Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.
Nil.

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No.

Extract from Agent's letter to Board No 500 of 23/9/96

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REVISED GENERAL RULES FOR WORKING OPEN LINES OF RAILWAYS.

Adverting to the paragraphs on this matter in my letters Nos. 441, and 447, of the 6th of August, and 17th September, 1895, I have to inform you that the introduction of the new General Rules of 1895 having been postponed to the 1st of July, 1896, vide Government of India Circular No. 19 Railway of 9th December, 1895, (copy sent with my letter No. 461) and subsequently certain modifications being made, as detailed in the accompaniment to Government of India Circular No. 3 Railway of 22nd May, 1896, of which I forwarded a copy among the enclosures to my letter No. 487, a renewed application was made to Government for sanction to the amended Rules being made applicable to the South Indian Railway and to the lines worked by it.

The required sanction to the application of the new Rules to the South Indian, and Mayavaram-Mutupet, Railways has been accorded, with effect from 1st October, 1896, in Government of India Resolution No. 696 R. T., dated 7th September, 1896, a copy of which has been placed among the enclosures to this letter.

The compilation of the Subsidiary Rules to the new General Rules (a work of considerable labour) has been completed, and it is anticipated that the books of the General Rules, with the Subsidiary Rules thereto, will be in the hands of the Staff by the date fixed for the introduction of the former.

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AGENT'S OFFICE

TRICHINOPOLY, *1st October* 189*6*

From

THE AGENT

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS.

MADRAS.

Sir

Adverting to correspondence, ending with
your letter No 3287 of the 18th October 1895
regarding the compilation of Subsidiary
Rules for this Railway, I have the
honor to forward a copy of the Rules,
Subsidiary to the General Rules of
1895, which have been drawn up for the
guidance of the Staff of this Railway
and shall be glad if the same can
receive the approval of the Governor
General in Council as provided for
in Section ⁴⁷(3) of Chapter VI of the Indian
Railways Act of 1890.

Additional copies of the above mentioned book will be sent later on.

All
 I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient Servant
 S.O.S. Miller, Captain R.O.
 Agent
 Enclosure by book-post.
 P.S.

Enclosure by book-post.

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No. 968

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

SERIAL

No. 114

TRICHINOPOLY, 17th October 1896.

From
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THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. 908 of the 1st instant I have the honor to forward you herewith (in a separate parcel) six additional copies of the Subsidiary Rules to the General Rules of 1875 for open lines of Railways.

I have the honor to be
— Sir

Your most obedient servant

M. Meaurio
for Agent

6. Enclosures
by Railway parcel.

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No.

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ENCLOSURE

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

FROM

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

TRICHINOPOLY

Letter from

No.

Dated

SERIAL

No. 15

To E. R.
Nothing was done at the time but —

*Act No. 90. Sect 47(3)
 lays down that "a rule
 made under the section
 (subordinating rule) shall not
 take effect until it has
 received the sanction of the
 G. G. in Council and been
 published in the Gazette
 of India"*

*As far as I can
 understand the previous
 discussion on this subject
 I gather that Mr. C. P. Shelly
 considered it necessary to have
 the rules published in the
 Gazette of India & Mr. Upcott
 thought it unnecessary on
 the ground that prosecution
 could always be made
 under some general rule*

*Forward to India
 for sanction*
17/10

From

The Agent,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

Trichinopoly

To

The Consulting Engineer for

Railways,

Madras.

Dated

Received

No.

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ENCLOSURE

No. 910. *SL*

Government of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH. *18*

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

*Simla**Madras 22nd October 1896.*

Sir,

With reference to
Govt. of India Resolution No.
696 R.T. of 7th Sept 1896,
sanctioning, with effect from
1st October 1896, the appli-
cation to the South Indian
& Mysore & Marwar. Multipet R.
of the General Rules 1895
for working open lines of
railway, I am directed
to forward herewith a copy
of the Rules, subsidiary to
the General Rules referred to
above which have been
drawn up for its guidance

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of the S. I. Railway Staff. 2. Some doubt exists as to whether rules published by a R. Administration Subsidiary to the General Rules have any legal force in law unless sanctioned by the Govt. of India as provided in Sec 47 of Chap VI of the Indian R. Act of 1890: the rules are accordingly forwarded for the approval of G. S. C. if it is considered that such approval is necessary in order to give them legal force.

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Document to be on file:-
Copy of the subsidiary rules referred to

B. C. 910. Dated 16.12.95

Public Works (1897) Department.

SERIAL
No. 17

CURRENT No. 10

Order No 6 of 4-1-97.

Copy forwarded to the Agent S. I. Railway with reference to his letter No. 900 of 1st October 1896.

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From The Govt. of India

No. 970 RT

Dated 21. 12. 96.
Received 2. 1. 97
Enclosures
Spare copies

SUBJECT.
Subsidiary rules of the S. I. Ry.

stating that approval by the Governor G. S. in Council of — is unnecessary for reasons given therein

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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*All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.*

SERIAL
No. 17

No 270 R.T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Railway Traffic.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Calcutta, the 21st December 1896.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.910 R.,dated the 22nd October 1896,forwarding a copy of the subsidiary rules of the South Indian railway for the approval of His Excellency the Governor General in Council,if it is considered that such approval is necessary in order to give them legal force.

2. In reply, I am to say that Railway Administrations are invested with the right of exercising certain disciplinary powers over the conduct of their employees under rules 262, 264 and 269 of the General Rules for working open lines of railway in British India.

Further disciplinary powers are also obtained through employè's service agreements which bind them to obey the subsidiary rules and other orders of their superiors, and also provide for the infliction of fines or for summary dismissal, in case of misconduct, and for termination of service, with due notice or pay in lieu of notice, in the event of their services being no longer required.

3. The Government of India are therefore of opinion that Railway Administrations have already sufficient power to enforce the observance of their subsidiary rules and that it is unnecessary to give them the force of law by approval by the Governor General in Council under section 47 of the Railways Act - a course which, as it would involve the necessity for obtaining formal approval to every modification of the subsidiary rules which might be found necessary in the course of working, would be found extremely cumbersome and inconvenient both to Government and to Railway Administrations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. M. M. M.

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying:-

Nil.