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Sub: Tower Wagon operator counselling for sighting the appropriate signal.

Ref: Railway Board's letter No. 2021/EEM/161/8/Punct/Pt dated 01.05.2025.

In reference to above subject, Railway Board desires to sensitize and reiterate the instructions to counsel Tower Wagon operators for sighting the appropriate signal. Hence, there is a need to further sensitize the Tower Wagon Operator through regular monitoring/counselling on following items:

1. Learning Road (LRD) of Main line and major yards, where Tower Wagon has to be worked, should be taken by Tower Wagon operator. All Tower Wagon operator should prepare complete sectional diagrams including major yard layouts, critical locations/RHS/conflicting Signals in LRD book etc.
2. Tower Wagon operator must have valid competency certificate and he should be counselled and monitored by nominated CLI/Supervisor.
3. Breath analyzer test of Tower Wagon operator must be carried out before commencing the duty and proper record should be maintained by Tower Wagon In-charge.
4. Tower Wagon operator must follow the instructions in respect to duties of engine crew in respect to signals as per G&SR – 3.78.
5. Tower Wagon operator should call out the signal aspect loudly with hand gesture. After passing yellow signal, he should be more alert upto the next signal and should call out the signal aspect repeatedly with hand gesture, till the tower wagon stops at adequate distance from RED signal.
6. Tower Wagon operator must be more vigilant at critically located signals i.e. adjacent signals, located on curvature & RH/ Ext RH/Ext LH side etc. & having visibility obstructed due to OHE /Curvature/ opposite direction train.
7. Tower Wagon operator should not engage in any other activity while approaching RED signal & should avoid the tendency of packing/unpacking of their personal belongings, while working or finishing the duty.

8. Tower Wagon operator should always work from front cab only during running and working.
9. Tower Wagon operator should keep the signal location booklet in open condition & should monitor the passing of signals in sequence to avoid any possibility of missing the signal.
10. Tower Wagon operator must take appropriate rest at home before coming to duty for operation of Tower Wagon.
11. Tower Wagon operator must be aware of abnormal working and authorities being issued to them during day to day working. He should ensure that proper authorities being issued before starting the movement at block site and in section.
12. Regular SPM chart analysis of Tower Wagons should be done by nominated CLIs to check the working techniques of tower Wagon operator.

In view of the above, 15 days Special safety drive for Tower Wagon operator commencing from 03.05.2025 to be launched and all tower wagon operators to be counselled intensively, focusing on aspects mentioned in above for safe train operation.

Report of the drive to be submitted in the following format to this office.

- I. No. of Inspections carried out by Officers/CLIs
- II. No. of Night Inspections carried out.
- III. No. of Irregularities noticed during inspections.
- IV. Action taken for rectifying irregularities
- V. No. of staff counselled.

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