

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Divisional Office

New Delhi

All Operating Officers

Station Director NDLS, DLI, NZM & ANVT

AO/TKD & ATM/GZB

All Sectional TIs & SS of DLI Division.

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Sub: Reversal of Points against Blocked lines.

When should points be set against blocked lines?

According to GR 3.38, points should be **immediately** set against the blocked line in the following situation:

- **When a running line is blocked** due to:
 - A **stable load**, wagon, or vehicle occupying the line.
 - A **train waiting** to cross or give precedence to another train.
 - A **train that has just arrived** at the station.

For double-line sections points **in rear** of the train must be set against the blocked line.

For single-line sections points **at either end** must be set against the blocked line.

Exceptions (When points should NOT be set immediately)

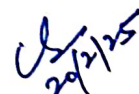
- If **shunting movement is to be done** in that direction on that line.
- If **another train movement** is required in that direction on that line.

Precedence of Blocked Lines

The precedence in which points must be changed against blocked lines is as follows:

1. If all the lines at a station are blocked and line clear has been granted to a train, the points should first be set for the line occupied by a stabled load or a goods train.
2. If all lines at a station are occupied by passenger trains, the points should be set for a loop line. In such cases, points should preferably be set for a loop line occupied by a train whose engine is facing the direction of approach of the incoming train.

All SS/TI must provide a certificate after 7 days confirming that all SM/SS working at their respective stations within their jurisdiction have been counseled, and their assurances have been obtained.


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Sr. DOM/G/DLI

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