

EASTERN RAILWAY

EL OP 6/7

Sealdah, dt-23.09.2022

All LPMs/LPGs/LPP(L)/ALPs
SSE(IC)/NKG & CP

Sub:-15 days safety drive on Functioning of Vigilance Control Device (VCD) on Locomotives.

Ref:-i) GM/ER/KKK's L/No-G.300/16-1 (G)/GM, dt-15.07.2022.

ii) CELE/ER/KKK's L/No-EL/OP/55, dt-19.09.2022.

Vigilance Control Device (VCD) is provided on the Locomotive to monitor the alertness of the driver through a multi-resetting system which gets reset by specific normal operational activities of the crew, in addition to the acknowledgement button provided for crew.

There were incidences of SPAD/Collision reported by different Zonal Railway due to lack of alertness of crew and VCD was found to be in isolated condition. These cases could have been avoided, if VCD were in working condition.

In view of the above, Railway Board has advised to ensure the following;

➤ **Action by SSC/IC/NKG & SSC/IC/CP:-**

- a) No locomotive should be turned out from the shed with VCD in defective/isolated condition.
- b) Loco sheds should thoroughly investigate the reason for VCD malfunctioning or becoming defective on run and initiate corrective action.
- c) It is to be ensured that all locomotives have been provided with VCD counter.
- d) In shed, the crew involved in the VCD actuation on run should be identified and intimate the undersigned for onward corrective action against the concerned staff.

➤ **Action by all running staff working in loco hauled trains:-**

- a) On run, if VCD becomes defective, Loco Pilot should isolate the VCD only after getting an authorisation to do so from the TLC.
- b) At the time of taking over charge & handing over charge of the locomotive, the crew should record the VCD counter number in loco log book.
- c) If the VCD gets defective/isolated on run, loco pilot should inform it immediately to the TLC.

If the VCD get defective/isolated on run, the locomotives should be declared fail at loco changing point or destination.


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Copy to:-i) All CLIs, CLI/DSL-for information & necessary action with an advice to counsel all the running staff working in loco hauled trains & to conduct ambush check on functioning of VCD on line in locomotives. Abnormalities if noticed, to be highlighted to the undersigned for onward transmission to the HQ.

ii) CCCR/SDAH & CCCR/DDJ-for information & necessary action

iii) All CCRs:- for information & necessary action with an advice to get acknowledged from all running staff under your control working in loco hauled trains.


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