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Sub: Regarding Traffic Block for track machine working

It has come to the notice that the block demanded for track machines are less than the prescribed block in IRTMM. Para 604 and 605 of Indian Railways Track machine Manual (IRTMM 2019) stipulate well about the traffic blocks for track machine working. The provision are as follows-

(1) Para 604(2) says, "Demanded block hours (DBH) are minimum specified block hours to be demanded daily so as to achieve a minimum of SBH on an average in the year". As a general rule DBH shall be follows.

All track machines except PCCM	4×No. of days block demanded
PCCM	3× No. of days block demanded

(2) Para 605(1) says, track machines should work under regular Traffic Blocks-

(a) On Single Line Section-Either one block of at least 4 hours or 2 block of 2-1/2 hours or in exceptional cases minimum two hours wherever 2-1/2 hours are not possible.

(b) On Double Line Section -

(i) One spell of 4 hours on "Up" or "DN" line daily.

(ii) Two 2-1/2 hours split blocks on "Up" or "Dn" line on alternate days.(5 hours daily on one of the lines).

It is reiterated to follow these instructions mentioned in IRTMM meticulously for demanding the traffic block for the track machines.

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