

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY  
CE'S P.WAY CIRCULAR NO.20 OF 1961.

CASE NO.W/275/1/W-7/7356)

INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE OF POINTS & CROSSINGS.

A case was noticed recently where one crossing was worn out beyond permissible limit, and had been allowed to remain in the track, despite the fact the PWI and AEN were aware of its condition, on their complacent attitude that the crossing will be replaced shortly in connection with the remodelling of the yard. The crossing was actually replaced when the matter came to prominence after the General Manager had felt a bad jerk while passing over the worn-out crossing.

Under all circumstances it is the primary responsibility of the P.W. Staff to maintain and ensure safety of the train operation. The Way and Works Manual lays down in the Para 204 that the Permanent Way Inspector is directly responsible for the safety of the track. He shall be vigilant to locate faults in the P.W. and promptly remedy them. AEN is generally responsible for the maintenance and safe condition of all tracks under his charge. The P.W. man will be failing in their duty miserably if they are not going to ensure safety of track.

Regarding maintenance of Points & Crossings, instruction as laid down in para 632 of IRWW is already in force and PWIs and AENs should strictly adhere to it. DENs should arrange to draw out a programme in the proforma enclosed for inspection of points and crossings at all stations by the PWIs and AENs for each month. This should be put in the inspection register for ready reference.

At 'C' class manned level crossings one gateman will be provided and during both day and night, the normal position of the gates will be closed to road traffic; whenever any such gate has to be opened for passage of any road traffic, it must invariably be closed and locked again immediately after the traffic has passed.

Necessary action is being taken to incorporate the above instructions in the subsidiary rule to Para 229(1) of N.E. Railway General and Subsidiary Rules.

This applies to gates situated outside the station limit manned by the Engineering Department.