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A passenger train ("A") departed from Zagyvapálfalva station towards Kisterenye, while another passenger train ("B") was running from Kisterenye to Zagyvapálfalva on the same track. Having realised the emergency situation, the movements inspectors of both stations arranged for the trains to be stopped. The trains stopped on the open track, approximately 4400 metres from each other. There was no injury or material damage.

The investigation established that train "A" departed from Zagyvapálfalva station without permission in the current traffic regulations.

The fact that the engine-driver was doing his work as a matter of routine is likely to have contributed to the occurrence. Normally, - if trains run according to the usual schedule - trains 'meet' at the same stations, and there are certain places where trains do not normally meet. Work at such places can become routine-like after a while; and according to the daily routine, trains depart from the stations as soon as the passengers have got on/off. This routine poses risks in times when trains do not run according to schedule, - e.g. when there are delays - this is exactly what happened as train "A" was running behind schedule on the day of the occurrence and the train departed immediately after the passengers have got on/off.