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1. The following information on Bulgarian railroad traffic was [redacted] approved by A. A. Kustalov, head of the Soviet Railroad Mission to Bulgaria.

2. Weights and speed of freight and passenger trains.

Type of train	Maximum weight in tons	Speed in kilometers	Percent of total track on which these trains would be operated
a. Freight Trains			
Mineral and Coal trains, long distance	1,800	45	20
Mineral and Coal trains, normal distance	2,200	40-50	35
Freight express trains (between ports and industrial centers)	500	55-60	18
Mixed freight trains (agricultural produce, wood, cattle, et cetera) using locomotives with a minimum axle pressure of 15 tons	1,500	40	23
b. Passenger Trains			
Passenger trains, long distance, fast (only stopping at important stations)	600	80	"
International express trains	500	90	"

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Other express trains	400	90	-
Local trains (stopping at all stations)	300	60-70	-
Workmen's trains	400	55	-

3. There is hardly one line in the country permitting a normal axle pressure of 14-20 tons, though on some of the main lines 16-18 tons is possible, as indicated below:

Maximum permissible axle pressure in tons	Percent of track on which this axle pressure is permissible
14	25
14-16	20
17-18	50
20	5

4. The track conditions in Bulgaria are the worst in Europe and compare unfavorably with those on the Yugoslav or Soviet railroads with normal axle pressures of 18 and 20 tons respectively.

5. Bulgaria possesses 17 different types of locomotives for passenger trains and 23 different types for freight trains as well as 21 types of locomotives without tenders. All this is highly detrimental to traffic on the Bulgarian railways, a finding with which Kustalov and the Soviet Railroad Mission strongly concur.