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Study of Phase Transformations on Nanocrystalline (La,Sr)(Mn,Fe)O3 System by High-Pressure Mossbauer Spectroscopy USHA CHANDRA, PRERANA MUDGAL, MANOJ KUMAR, Dept. of Physics, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur 302004 — We report here the pressure dependent 57Fe Mossbauer studies on the nanocrystalline La0.8Sr0.2(Mn0.8Fe0.2)O3 system up to 10 GPa using diamond anvil cell. At ambient pressure, iron is present as Fe3+ and Fe4+ in two different environments. Pressure seems to affect the higher symmetry site of Fe4+ only, while the octahedral site containing Fe3+ remains almost unaffected. Phase transformations are observed at pressures 0.52GPa and 3.7 GPa respectively. A sudden increase in the isomer shift at 0.52GPa is related to the reduction of Fe4+ ions while at 3.7GPa, a structural transition is observed with a sudden drop in isomer shift indicating that the Fe3+ ions are in identical environment. Quadrupole splitting increases continuously with pressure up to 10 GPa.

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