Sub: Decisions taken in Board meeting held on Feb 2, 2018

Full Board in its meeting held on Feb 2, 2018 considered the reports submitted by two committees formed during conclave “Sampark, Samanvay, Samvad” held on Dec 16, 2017 and decided the following:

A. **Report on “Increasing Modal Share in Freight Business” – GM/SER (Convener)**

(i) To avoid empty running, CC rakes may be maintained on cluster basis between MGS and NKJ depots as a trial measure after a study has been conducted by RITES.

(ii) All turnouts on HDN routes should be made fit for movement of trains at 50 Kmph to enhance speed of trains. Necessary action in this regard should be taken expeditiously.

(iii) PCOM/SCR will submit a comprehensive proposal for effecting various process reforms suggested for increasing modal share in freight business for appropriate decision by Board (MT).

B. **Report on “Strategies for increasing carrying capacity & speed of trains” - GMNR (Convener)**

(i) With use of fog devices in locomotives, the maximum permissible speed during foggy/inclement weather condition is enhanced from 60 kmph to 75 kmph subject to the judgment of the loco pilots. PED/Safety/Railway Board may issue necessary instructions.

(ii) Uneconomic stoppages of Mail Express trains may be eliminated and stoppage time reduced with ‘Quick Watering system’. PED/Coaching/Railway Board may issue necessary instructions.

(iii) Joint Speed Certificate (JSC) and application to CRS/CCRS should be made on-line. AM/C&IS/Railway Board may develop necessary software within two months.

(iv) Level Crossing gates may be eliminated for better operational efficiencies by providing...
RUBs. Such works may be undertaken with complete cost borne by IR in the event of State Governments not forthcoming. Also in all new line and gauge conversion, there should not be any level crossing, manned or unmanned.

(v) Longer loops may be provided at approximate intervals of 100 kms in view of running of long haul freight trains to ease the saturated capacities. Limitation of 1 in 400 gradient in station yards to be reviewed by Engineering Directorate, Railway Board.

(vi) For elimination of Line boxes of Drivers and Guards, suitable trolley bags (superior quality) and tablets (for electronic storage of G&SR) may be provided on trial basis on Northern Railway and South Central Railway.

(vii) Procurement of EOTT to be expedited.

(viii) Study to be carried out by Engineering, Signaling & Traffic Transportation Directorates, Railway Board to introduce twin single line train working in order to decongest major terminals/stations for better availability of traffic blocks.

This issue with the concurrence of Associate Finance of Transformation Cell, Railway Board.

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