भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

No.95/M(C)/141/1

New Delhi dated 29.10.2018

Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur.

Sub: Maintenance of trains.

Ref: (i) Amendments to Policy Circular No.4 issued vide letter of even number dated 31.01.2007.

(ii) Maintenance Pattern of coaching trains issued vide this office letter of even number dated 14.06.2017.

(iii) Railway Board's Office Order No.58 of 2016 (no.2016/O&M/8/1 dated 03.08.2016).

It has to come to notice that North Eastern Railway has made a JPO revising standard train maintenance time based on the length of trains, quoting a provision in Coach Maintenance Policy issued vide reference (i) above. Neither the stated Coach Maintenance Policy nor issued vide letter of even number dated 14.06.2017 (reference (ii)) has any provision for revision of coaching maintenance time by the Zonal Railways. Therefore, NER has wrongly quoted Board's authority for issue of JPO.

- 2. Maintenance time specified in the letters under reference are based on the inputs required for safe running of trains, and any unilateral revision in the time by Zonal Railways may compromise safe running of trains. Furthermore, this issue is already under consideration of Board and this was in full knowledge of the then PCME/NER, being the convenor the committee constituted for the purpose.
- 3. It is also not understood as to how PCEE has been made a joint signatory to this decision since as per extant instructions of Board (reference (iii) above), PCME of Zonal Railway is solely responsible for maintenance of rolling stock.
- 4. Since the JPO is not only poorly thought out but also issued in contravention to Railway Board's instructions, NER is advised to immediately withdraw the same.
- 5. A line in confirmation may be sent by 'Return Fax.'

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Copy to: PCMEs of all Zonal Railways (except NER) for ensuring strict implementation of Coach Maintenance Policy issued by Railway Board's letter under reference.