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The General Manager
All Zonal Railways

SUB: DEFERMENT OF POH OF OPEN WAGONS (BOXN TYPE) BY THREE MONTHS

In order to enhance availability of open wagon stock, it has been decided that POH of all air-braked open wagon (BOXN type) falling due for POH between 15th November 2009 and 31st March 2010, may be deferred by three months.

Before deferment of POH, the wagons will be checked at the level of the supervisor for any defects requiring attention. The following should then be stenciled on the wagon:

"Checked at ..........(Depot/yard/sickline) on ...............(Date). Return Date extended for three months from the Return Date stenciled on the body of the wagon."

Detailed records including defects attended, personnel involved etc. for such wagons shall be maintained at the Depot/yard/sickline where attention has been given to the wagon. Wherever possible, wagons with not-so-good body condition may be used for short-lead traffic. Such short-lead should be decided by CME and COM.

The deferment of POH shall only be for a period of three months. Hence, next POH of a BOXN type wagon shall automatically fall due after three months from the Return Date stenciled on the body by the Workshop during its last POH.

On account of the above-mentioned deferment of POH of BOXN type stock, there shall be additional POH arising of wagons after the period of deferment. Workshops should tackle the Cat ‘C’ unloadables during the time when POH is deferred so that after the period of deferment, they are in a position to tackle the increased POH arising. They should also build up their capacity to handle Cat ‘C’ unloadables for the future.

The above deferment of POH of BOXN type stocks is a purely temporary measure upto 31st March, 2010 only. From 1st April, 2010, all Zonal Railways should revert back to the standard system of marking of BOXN type stocks for POH.

This has the approval of the Board (MM).

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