The Chief Mechanical Engineers  
All Indian Railways

Sub: Measures to be taken for increasing availability of wagons during oncoming peak season

The matter of improving wagon availability on Railways for freight loading has been an area of concern in view of increased loading targets for the current year. The matter was discussed with Board (MM & MT). The following action is to be taken on Railways for improving availability of wagons:

1) During POH in railway workshops, for the next five months, higher priority is to be given by the workshops for POH and other shop repairs to BOXN, BOXNHL, BOY, BOBRN and BOBR wagons over BCN and BCNHL wagon types.

2) Railways have time to time been advised to increase yard repairs. Railways need to advise Board about the action taken in this regard both in terms of departmental repairs in yards and sick line as well as outsourcing for increasing yard repairs of unloadable repairs on their systems.

3) Railways were advised to take up the work of ‘C’ category unloadable wagon repair on outsourcing basis. The action taken in this regard both on departmental and outsourcing basis should be advised for information of Board.

4) It is seen that total no. of CC rakes in operation at various CC rake maintenance depots is 25-30% lower than the planned CC rake population. Increasing the no. of CC rakes to the planned rake maintenance capacities on railwys nominated depot is to be taken up on priority. All POH wagons particularly, BOXNHL and BCNHL must be sent directly to the feeding CC rake depots from each workshop.

5) It is seen that most of BOXNR wagons are running inter mixed with other BOXN/BOXNHL stock. Segregation of BOXNR wagons and formation of CC rakes on BOXNR wagons is to be taken up by nominated CC examination depots. This exercise should be completed in next three months so that maximum no. of BOXNR wagons are available in rake form.
6) Railways were advised to identify all existing wagons where wagons are being damaged during loading/unloading operations. Railways were to initiate action for recovery of damage cost against the sidings as well as taking up with siding authorities for preventive action. This activity is to be taken up on drive basis for next three months.

7) Wagon manufacturing workshops at ASR(NR), SPJ(ECR), JMP(ER), GOC(SR) and UBL (SWR) are to ensure that the targets for manufacture of wagons during the current year are met as early as possible, preferably by Dec-2015.

Action taken and progress may please be advised along with MCDO.

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