The Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Dropping of Draft Gears (DGs) during POH of Wagons.
Ref: (i) RDSO’s letter No. MW/DGR.BG.HC dt. 13.01.16
(ii) CM/M/MP letter No. F/Wagon/Twin Pipe/5-15 dt. 06.05.16

Vide letter under reference (i), RDSO has issued instructions for maintenance of Draft Gears to RDSO’s specification No. WD-66-BL-06 fitted in BOXNH/BCNHL wagons including details of three firms as sources for supply of maintenance spares for various makes of WD-66-BL-06 DGs. Jamalpur Workshop/ER vide letter under reference (ii) has informed that they have started 100% DG dropping practice during POH of wagons. However, they are facing difficulty in overhauling the DGs for want of maintenance spares as the sources for supply of maintenance spares are not forthcoming.

2. It is understood that, other Workshops may also face similar situation while arranging maintenance spares for overhauling of Draft Gears. Since, BOXNH/BCNHL wagons are fitted with upgraded draft gears, the necessity of repairs in first POH cycle is negligible, but this situation will change gradually and overhauling requirement will be a necessity in future. Unless maintenance spares are procured at this stage, wagons may start detaining in Workshops on this account.

3. It may be noted that as an import substitution measure, RDSO has developed indigenous Draft Gears to RDSO Specification WD-71-BD-15 which is interchangeable with WD-66-BL-06 Draft Gears in fitment.

4. In order to avoid unnecessary detention of wagons inside workshops for want of maintenance spares, it is suggested that workshops may assess the total requirement of maintenance spares and accordingly work out the requirement of unit exchange spares and plan for its procurement. For this, it is advised that workshops may:
   a. Indicate their requirement of unit exchange spares of Draft Gear to RDSO Specification No. WD-71-BD-15 to Railway Board,
   b. Processes vetted indents on Railway Board and submit the same in due course to Board against Revenue Head.

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   ii. Exe. Dir./Standards(Wagon)/RDSO

For kind information please.