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All Indian Railways

Sub: Periodicity of BPC and POH/ROH/IOH of RE vehicles

As per present maintenance instructions maintained in Para 307 of maintenance manual for wagons the departmental trains will be issued a brake power certificate (BPC) after due examination in terms of IRCA Para (iii) 3.2.1. the validity of BPC issued for such trains shall be maximum 30-days from the date of its issue. Before issue of such BPC, the train is to be examined at its nominated primary maintenance depot.

Considering that the railway electrification (RE) trains, which consists of different types of coaches (wiring deck coaches) and flat wagons (BRN/BFR/Crane loaded BRJ) are being operated at a very low KM utilisation with most of the times being partially loaded or empty, the need for review of the examination provisions has been under consideration of Board.

After review the following has been decided:
(a) For all departmental trains used for RE activities, BPC will be issued with validity of maximum 30-days as per existing practice
(b) On Zonal Railways subject to availability of manpower, PCME may permit for revalidation of BPC of these trains through flying gangs once. Such revalidation would require examination of the RE trains by the flying gang nominated on the railway at its worksite and such validation will be done for maximum 30-days.
(c) It shall always be ensured that these trains are brought out to the nominated examination depot for proper examination every 60-days.
(d) During the examination preceding such revalidation of BPC by flying gang TXR, in case any defect detected, which can affect safety of train, the train must be brought back to the nominated TXR depot for taking corrective action.
(e) The above arrangement of revalidation of BPC shall be applicable only when trains are moving at a Zone/Division on a project. In case the identified trains are getting transferred for working across zonal Railways, examination prior to such movement on a nominated depot shall have to be ensured.
(f) The above arrangement is exclusively for RE trains and is not applicable to other departmental trains.

This issues with approval of Board (MRS)

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ED/CAMTECH – for issue of suitable revision of maintenance manual for wagons and coaches.
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