Sub: Running of freight trains with invalid BPC.

Derailment of a goods train has taken place over East Coast Railway on 12.09.2012. BPC of this CC NBOX rake was issued at VSPS on 01.08.2012 and was valid for 35 days i.e. upto 04.09.2012. However, the rake was loaded with coal at Dhamra Port on 09.09.2012 for Meramandali and on release, it was again loaded with coal at Talcher on 11.09.2012 and moved towards its base depot i.e. VSPS.

Loading in rakes with overdue BPC should be scrupulously avoided. If there is a problem of stabling of surplus rakes, those rakes should be lifted first whose BPC is expiring first. Rules regarding loading in valid BPC rakes only should not be bye-passed in any case.

A close monitoring mechanism should be put in place to track CC rakes along with their BPC details. Any deviation from the instructions issued by Board regarding loading in overdue BPC rakes shall be viewed seriously.

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