The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Strengthening of infrastructural facilities for maintenance of freight stock

Board had nominated an EDs’ Committee consisting of EDME(Ftr), EDTT(M), ED(Plg) & EDF(X)-1 to have a fresh look at the number, capacity as well as location of ROH/P0111 depots, sick lines, train examination points and rationalize them to minimize the empty haulage of wagons and minimize the time taken in examination/repair of wagons.

2. The Committee has since submitted their Report and a copy of the same is enclosed. Some of the recommendations of the Committee on strengthening of infrastructural facilities for the maintenance of freight stock are given below:

i. Conversion of existing ROH depots from vacuum brake to air brake at eleven (11) locations: Bhusaval (CR), Baad (NCR), Jhansi (NCR), New Guwahati (NFR), Tughlakabad (NR), Imphal (SR), Tondiarpet (SR), Belampalli (SCR), Bhilai Exchange Yard (SECR), Baroda Yard (WR) and Ratlam (WR).

ii. Creation of new ROH capacity at seven (7) points: Narampur Anant (ECR), Angul (ECR), Gonda (NER), Madar (NWR), Adityapur (SER), Hapa (WR) and Gandhidham (WR). Based on local conditions, concerned ZRs may propose these additional facilities at some better alternative location on their system.

iii. Creation of additional capacities for repair of unloadables at ten (10) points: Mughalsarai (ECR), Vishakapatnam (ECR), Anand (ER), Tughlakabad (NR), Jolarpet (SR), Adra (SER), Bhilai (SECR), Gooty (SCR), Hospet (SWR) and New Katni Junction (WCR)

3. The Report is under consideration in Traffic Directorate of Railway Board. In the meanwhile, ZRs may formulate their proposals for infrastructural upgradation of above mentioned maintenance facilities so that these may be considered for sanction in the next Works Programme i.e. WP 2008-09

Encl: As above