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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Track Machine Sidings.

Ref: Board's letter No.99/Track-III/MC/6-Imple dated 12.05.09

Indian Railways Vision 2020 aims at complete mechanization of track maintenance and renewal activities by 2020. Master Plan for the same has already been circulated for Railways information. It is, therefore, imperative that facilities are created for the stabling and day-to-day maintenance of track machines during the course of their work. In this regard, IRTMM Para 8.4.4 stipulates that track machine sidings are to be provided at each SSE(P.Way)/HQ and at stations about 30 kms apart. However designated track machine sidings are not available at the prescribed distance and the facilities provided are inadequate. The issue of non-availability of siding and adequate infrastructure at the sidings has also been raised by the staff side in PNM.

Railways were advised vide referred letter to identify and nominate stations @ 30 to 50 km along the route, keeping in view availability of suitable spare siding or feasibility of providing suitable sidings. In order to facilitate group working of track machines these sidings should be of adequate length to accommodate five track machines and their camping coaches alongwith following facilities:

1. CSR of 300m either in 1 siding or in 2 sidings closely located.
2. Isolation from running lines
3. Road approach
4. Pathway
5. Electricity for lighting, charging and to undertake minor repair works
6. Water supply
7. Resting facilities, Bathrooms & Toilets near the track machine siding.

A comprehensive review may please be carried out duly nominating stabling stations and an Action Plan may be drawn for the provision of track machine sidings with facilities as above in a time bound manner.

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