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(My dear GMs/All Indian Rlys.)

## Sub: Infrastructure for operation and maintenance of track machines.

Modern track can not be laid and maintained manually. Therefore, Indian Railways are working towards complete mechanisation of track renewal and maintenance activities. Necessary track machines are being inducted gradually towards achieving this goal. However, the development of infrastructure for operation and maintenance of track machines is not keeping pace with the induction of machines. This is adversely affecting quality of the maintenance of machines and is also leading to dissatisfaction among staff.

The Master Plan for complete mechanisation by 2020 has already been circulated to Railways. Allotment of machines sanctioned under RSP upto 2011-12 has also been advised. I would request you to have the position of infrastructure reviewed and draw an Action Plan for developing the same on a programmed basis. Attention may inter-alia be given to the following important aspects:-

- Zonal Maintenance Depots: Capacity of the sheds and equipments i)
- Satellite Depots: one in each division
- Track Machine sidings: Approx. 300 m CSR in one or two closely ii) located sidings, road approach, water supply, electricity. (iii
- Rest houses at nominated stabling stations.
- Camping coaches cum workshops: Modification as per RDSO layout, IV) V) furnishing and amenities
- Provision of cooks on camping coaches vi)

A copy of the Action Plan may please be furnished for Board's information and progress against the same may please be reviewed periodically at your level.

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