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My dear ( GM/All Zonal Railways – by name),

Sub: Planning of traffic blocks for maintenance of infrastructure.

Availability of adequate traffic blocks is essential for maintaining the infrastructure in good fettle and for ensuring safety and efficiency of operations. In a review of blocks being granted for track machines over the Zonal Railways it was seen that availability of blocks for majority of the machines are in the range of 50-60 % and the duration per spell is much less than the stipulated minimum. This not only leads to sub-optimal utilization of the track machines but also generates arrears in maintenance.

2. In view of the fact that traffic has gone up substantially over the years, it is all the more important that advance planning of traffic blocks is carried out at headquarters' level to bring about a significant improvement in availability of blocks.
3. Planning may be carried out in two phases namely: ( A) An Annual plan be drawn with macro level scheduling of routewise/monthwise deployment in accordance with works to be carried out with identification of block corridors and regulation/diversion/TSL working needed and (B) A Monthly detailed routewise plan be also drawn with datewise deployment & blocks to be granted. This exercise should be carried out jointly by COM& PCE & the plans should be issued under their joint signatures. Maintenance works of OHE & signalling infrastructure should also be planned in the shadow of these blocks.
4. The plan for the remaining part of the year 2011-12, alongwith detailed plan for the month of September should be submitted to EDTK(MC), Railway Board within the next 15 days for the information of Board. Implementation of this plan should be reviewed on a weekly basis at your level.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Vinay Mittal*

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General Managers,  
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