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Sub: Provision for Track Machine Stabling and Maintenance Sidings

Ref: (i) Railway Board's letter No. 2007/Track3/TK/24 Vol.II dated 10.06.2011,  
14.3.2012  
(ii) Railway Board's letter No. 99/Track-III/MC/6-Imple dated 12.05.2009  
(iii) Railway Board's letter No. 99/Track-III/MC/6 Vol.IV dated 13.09.2009

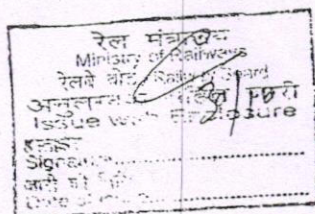
Indian Railways are working towards complete mechanization of track inspection, monitoring, maintenance, renewal and construction activities by 2022 on trunk routes and 2024 on all routes over IR. Master Plan for sanction and procurement has already been developed and track machines are being procured and inducted gradually towards achieving the goal. Allotment of machines sanctioned under RSP upto 2018-19 has already been advised to all Zonal Railways. With the gradual increase in the population of track machines, it is imperative that facilities are created for stabling of track machines at the end of the day's work, stabling of camping coaches and to enable day to day maintenance of track machines.

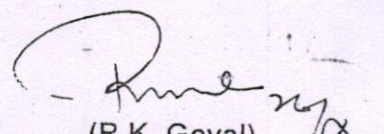
Indian Railways track machines manual para 8.4.4 stipulates for the provision of siding for track machines at SSE/P.Way/HQ station at about 30-50 kms apart. Instructions have also been issued vide Board's letters under reference above. In spite of regular follow up, these sidings with required facilities have not been provided so far.

Railways are once again advised to identify and provide sidings at distance of 30-50 kms along the route (preferably at SSE/P.Way/HQ) in order to facilitate group working of track machines. These siding should be of adequate length to accommodate five track machines and their camping coaches / Rail Grinding Machine consist. The siding should have following minimum facilities :

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

A comprehensive review for provision of track machine stabling sidings may be carried out and an action plan may be drawn so as to complete these works in time bound manner in next two years' time. The details in this regard may be sent to Railway Board in the proforma enclosed.



  
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