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**Sub: Provision for Track Machine Stabling Sidings for Track Renewal Works**

- 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. The issue of non-availability of sidings and adequate infrastructure at sidings has also been raised by the staff side in various PNMs.

Instructions have already been issued to provide such sidings chargeable to New Line, doubling, gauge conversion and yard remodeling projects vide above letter under reference (i). In addition these facilities can also be charged to Plan Head 42 and Traffic Facilities where adequate funds are not available. It is represented by Zonal Railways that these machines are required to work for track renewal work sites and their stabling arrangements are also required during track renewal works similar to PQRS and TRT sidings. Therefore, the provisions for providing track machine stabling sidings in track renewal estimates should also be made. Board (ME) has decided that provisions for track machine stabling sidings can also be provided in track renewal estimates and one umbrella work can be proposed chargeable to PH31, Track renewals for each Zonal Railways.

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