GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय) (RAILWAY BOARD) (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 2021/Track-III/TK/14

New Delhi, dated 67-09.2022

The General Manager All Indian Railways

Sub: Streamlining of Budgeting and Financial Management in Track Machine Organisation (TMO) of Indian Railways.

- 1. With the increased emphasis on infrastructure augmentation, capacity creation, Gati-Shakti projects and speed raising works along with track renewals etc. in various railways, mechanized track works are extremely important and at present, the Track Machines are the backbone of the Track construction and maintenance activities.
- Budget for Track Machine Organizations of Zonal Railways is allotted 2. under revenue heads 040-211-01 to 99 (Staff salary and allowances), 070-221-27 (CMST, Cost of Material From Stores), 070-221-28 (Cost of Material Direct Purchase), 070-221-32 (Contractual Payment), 070-221-63 (WPOH), 070-221-64 (MPOH), 070-221-72 (CGST) & 070-221-73 (SGST), 011-120-25 (Children Education Allowance), 12-3199 (Employee's Welfare). At the end of the financial year, Zonal Railways works out the unit cost of machine (cost of machine for per km of working) as per procedure laid down in IR Track Machine Manual. Debits (A-memos) to various user agencies (construction organization, Railway PSUs, Divisions etc) in the current financial year are raised on basis of the unit cost worked out for previous year and quantum of work done. After accepting the debits by user department, the accepted amount is credited in Revenue Head 07-221-33. For Division and Construction organization, the transaction is made through IPAS. For extra Railway units eg. RVNL, DFC, MRVC etc, the cheque/DD is submitted in favour of FA&CAO of the zonal Railway.
- 3. Maintenance of the Track Machines being a safety-related activity, there is a need to provide sufficient funds as demanded by the Zonal Railways for the purchase of spares, repairs, maintenance including AMCs, IOH/POH and other maintenance-related activities. In order to address the demand from track machine organizations of various zonal railways, besides

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revenue grants, funds may be supplemented to track machine organization through the following means:

- 3.1 Against planning/targets of Railway PSUs and DFC projects utilizing the Railways Track Machines during the financial year, machine organization shall raise the track machine charges either at the beginning of the financial year or at the time of actual deployment and the concerned PSU shall provide funds for the use of Track machines to the Zonal Railways. The funds so received may be credited to the Revenue budget meant for the Track Machines by Zonal Railway Finance in SMH 5-220 under PU 27, 28, 32 and SMH 2-212 under staff PUs based on budget provisions / actual expenditure under respective PUs, for use by track machine organization of the Railway for purchase of spares, repair and maintenance including AMCs, IOH/POH and other maintenance-related activities. Revenue Fund would be provided for this only to the extent of such credits projected and thus the expenditure on track machine maintenance & operation shall be revenue neutral.
- For utilizing the capital funds of construction projects, based upon 3.2 planning/targets of various construction projects during the year, project wise amount required for track machines may be assessed at the beginning of the year and a list may be prepared to mention the project details, project ID, Estimate no., target/planning of work and fund requirement against these projects. Similar action may also be taken for Track Renewal Estimates. Against these funds, the track machine organization of Zonal Railway shall initiate action for procurement purchases of spares, repair and maintenance, IOH/POH and other maintenance-related activities. The bills may be passed on IPAS against various works/estimates as planned. Since, provision of repairs & maintenance will now be made under respective estimates also, the unit rate debits of machine utilization for Railway Capital works will not be A-memos. To avoid raised against Construction organizations through double accounting, the amount charged to Track Renewal Estimates for maintenance of track machines will also not be again charged through Amemos.
- 3.3 All repairs to foreign Railway track machines should be debited to concerned Railway with contra credit to SMH 5-220.
- 3.4 For Infrastructure creation/augmentation of existing facilities such as Maintenance Depots, stabling facilities, and workshops, including T&P, M&P, a provision in estimates of Track Renewal/construction/ RVNL/DFC projects may be kept and utilized by Track Machine Organizations only if the OPEX

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model of Track machine working is not being planned.

The above procedure shall be applicable prospectively w.e.f. the date of issue of this letter.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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New Delhi, dated 07.09.2022

1) The PFA, All Zonal Railways for information and necessary action.

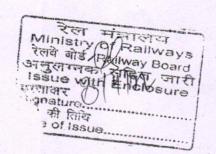
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS RAILWAY BOARD

No. 2015/Track-III/TK/2

New Delhi, dt. 26.10.2015

Principal Chief Engineer, All Indian Railways.

Sub: Safety at work Sites- Integrated blocks/Group working of Track Machines.

Ref: This office letter of even no. dated 18.09.15.

In one of the integrated traffic blocks involving two track machines and one tower wagon in the same block section, one track machine collided with the tower wagon while clearing block resulting into injuries to staff, damages to machines and a serious case of bursting of traffic block. Though the case is yet under investigation for exact cause of the accident, apparently it seems that extant provisions of IRTMM and G&SR were violated.

In this regard all concerned may please be counselled to ensure safe working by following extant instructions of group working/machine working.

At the same time as advised earlier vide above referred letter, Railways may ensure adherence to IRTMM and G&SR provisions for safe working of track machines.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2015/Track-III/TK/2

New Delhi, Dt:16-01-2018

The Principal Chief Engineer All Indian Railways.

Sub: Fire accidents involving Track Machines.

Ref: CPED/Safety's observations dated 03.01.2018.

(ii) Board's letter of even number dtd. 18.7.2017.

Railways have been advised vide letter at Ref.No.(ii) above to take all preventive measures to ensure non occurrence of fire incidents after a fire incidence in the staff resting van attached to a Plasser machine on 04.6.2016 in EC Railway due to bursting of stove.

Now another incidence of fire has taken place on 16.11.2017 in the camping coach No.NR 12233 at Delhi Cantt. A Joint Departmental enquiry was set up to find out the cause of fire who has noticed certain major shortcomings in the camping coach being used by Track Machine Staff as noted below.

- 1. Many loose unauthorized connections were taken for fans and lights in the coach in violation of RDSO drawing.
- 2. Unauthorised equipments like immersion rod were being used.
- 3. Rating of cables used for unauthorized connection were substandard.
- 4. Unbranded and non-standard LPG gas cylinders were being Used for cooking.

It is again brought to notice that all pre-emptive efforts should be taken to see that such incidents do not occur.

PED/Safety, Railway Board has taken a serious view over the repeated such incidents. A copy of the enquiry report of fire is enclosed for ensuring all preventive measures to avoid such incidence.

DA: As above

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2015/Track-III/Tk/2

New Delhi dated: 21.8.17

Chief engineer (TMC)
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Safety Drive for Track machine

Ref: Safety Drive file No.2015/Track-III/Tk/2 dt 20.9.16

In View of a recent accident, a safety drive of one week may be launched to inspect and ensure that all safety provisions of IRTMM well as G&SR of the Railways are strictly being followed while Track machine working.

Machines/Staff working there on not conforming all safety norms should not be permitted to work in block section.

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