The Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Indian Railways

Sub: Condemnation of BCX wagons

Ref: (i) This office letter of even number dt. 24/27.4.07
(ii) This office letter No. 2007/M(N)951/44 dt. 20.6.2011

Under Board’s letter referred at (i) above, an Action Plan for Phasing Out of Vacuum Brake Freight Stock (BG) was issued. The Action Plan had, inter alia, advised ZRs that BCX wagons should be withdrawn from service, condemned and removed from the holding as and when they become due for POH and ROH after 31.3.08 and 31.3.11 respectively.

Vide Board’s letter at (ii) above, it was also advised that as per information received from Traffic Directorate of Railway Board, there is shortage of BCX wagons for transportation of Bangladesh bound bagged consignments. Some BCX wagons are required to be maintained for interchange of trains with Bangladesh Railway till the time BR is capable of accepting BCN wagons from Indian Railways. Zonal Railways were therefore advised to stop phasing out/condemnation of BCX stock till further orders.

In connection with above, it is further advised that Traffic Directorate of Railway Board has advised that BCX wagons are to be retained till March, 2013. Therefore, Railways should not phase out/condemn BCX stock which is still fit to run, until further orders on this matter are issued.

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