The Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Indian Railways

Sub: Booking of BRN/BRNAHS wagons for NPOH to workshops
Ref: 1) SWR’s letter No.SWR/M/N/09 dt.08.02.2017
    2) Board’s letter no. 2012/M(N)/951/10 dated 17.05.2016

Vide Board’s letter u/r (1) above, instructions have already been issued that BRNAHS wagons having manufacturing defects in centre sill bolster joint, which have been identified by RDSO are to be intercepted through train examinations and booked to workshop for necessary repairs needed.

BRN wagons have been primarily designed for uniform distributed loading only. On no. of occasions, it is seen that these wagons get loaded under point loading condition i.e. loading of steel coils etc. During train examination such improper loading of BRN wagons is to be strictly discouraged.

In a no. of cases zonal railways are detecting BRN wagons, which have already developed sagging of sole bar to an extent that its continued operation cannot be allowed. It is advised that in those cases where serious sagging of sole bar is detected in open line, the wagons may be booked to workshop for NPOH with approval of CME of the railway. In such cases there would no need to seek Railway Board’s permission and only post facto intimation to Board shall suffice.

Necessary action may please be taken on the railways accordingly.