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The Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Extension of codal life of BTAL wagons

Various requests of Fertilizer Companies have been received in Railway Board to extend the codal life of BTAL Wagons.

The matter has been examined and it has been decided that the extension of codal life can be done by the Workshop based on condition of wagon. Extension of life would require POH and also change of screw coupling to CBC, change to twin pipe air brake system & change to CASNUB bogie during POH.

Railways may process deposit estimates wherein such requests are received from fertilizer companies like HFL, IFFCO etc. for old BTAL wagons. This is subject to condition that the wagons' condition as assessed by Workshops is deemed fit for extension of codal life after POH.

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