The Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Indian Railways

Sub: NPOH repair of body damaged wagons in Open Line.

It has been seen that a large number of BOXN & BOBRN type of wagons require body repairs of A,B & C category on zonal railways. Instructions have already been issued that wagons requiring NPOH repairs are to be tackled by zonal railways themselves for which necessary arrangement either on departmental basis or on contractual basis are required to be made by railways.

It is seen that the number of wagons requiring such body repairs of NPOH basis has not been showing downward trend despite efforts made by railways to undertake such repairs in timely manner.

It is advised that while the efforts to ensure prompt repair of such wagons should continue, railways may also take necessary action to:

a) Identify the sidings where the damaged wagons have been last handled. For this purpose necessary tracing back of the wagons' movement from FOIS may be monitored.
b) The railways may constitute a team of inspectors, who can periodically go and inspect the sidings from where such damaged wagons are coming from.
c) It may also be ensured that the cost of damages and deficiencies caused in all such cases are raised on the culprit sidings and recovered promptly through normal channels i.e. through concerned Finance.
d) The divisions in whose jurisdiction such suspect/culprit sidings lie, may necessarily be advised to ensure proper supervision of such sidings so that the instances of such damages during handling of wagons are avoided. For such supervision necessary inspection through nominated means of supervisors/officers may be considered as deemed necessary.
e) During past meetings at Board also, it had been mentioned that railway should consider placing cameras on strategic locations and selected sidings to refer the damages and deficiencies as well as handling of wagons in the sidings. Railway should ensure that in some selected sidings, cameras are installed during next three months.

Necessary action may please be taken in light of above and the progress may be advised for information of Board on a periodic basis. This issues with approval of Board (MRS).