The Chief Mechanical Engineers  
All Indian Railways (O/L)

Sub : Maintenance of BOXNHL and BCNHL wagons.  
Ref : Discussions held in meeting with CMEs at Railway Board on 17.12.2016

Zonal railways have been repeatedly advised in the past to gear up for maintenance of BOXNHL and BCNHL wagons. This includes open line freight maintenance establishments, ROH depots and POH workshop.

Detailed instructions for modification of BCNHL wagons to make them safer and user friendly by provision of modified doors have also been issued vide this office's letter of even No. dt. 19.10.2015.

Subsequently in various CMEs conference, Zonal Railways have been advised to immediately start planning for material and equipment to handle these wagons in open line and ROH depot also.

In the meeting with CMEs held at Railway Board on 17.12.2016 it has been found that the above instructions have not been implemented on a number of Railways leading to creation of backlog of these wagons for POH and other maintenance schedules. As more and more BOXNHL and BCNHL wagons are inducted into the system, this situation is likely to get worse unless immediate course correction measures are taken by Railways.

In view of the above Zonal Railways are advised to immediately gear up for maintenance of these wagons by arranging for the necessary equipments and proper material planning on a mission mode basis.

Compliance may kindly be advised to this office by 31.01.2017.

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
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No.: 2005/M (N)/204/1 Vol. III  
New Delhi, dated: 19/10/2015

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Sub: Modification of BCNHL Wagons to make them safer and user friendly by provision of modified doors.  

Ref: Western Railway’s letter no. M 116/29/8 dated 24/08/2015

The issue of modification of BCNHL Wagons to make them safer and user friendly by provision of modified doors has been reviewed in consultation with RDSO.

This RSP work is arising out of a direct recommendation of CRS. The total number of BCNHL wagons in which this modification is required to be done (i.e. BCNHL wagons manufactured prior to June 2010) is around 4000. Pictorial view of the doors for which this RSP work of modification has been sanctioned is as under:

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<td>June 2009</td>
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<td>MOD - I: Six hinge door with centre locking from inside &amp; cotters – long and short provided on door sides</td>
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A total RSP of 4020 wagons has been allotted to various railways for doing this RSP work. Some railways have also done the modification on revenue account in the past. As such, no additional RSP allotment is necessary to cover the entire fleet of eligible BCNHL wagons for this modification.

Board (MM) has decided that eligible BCNHL wagons should be turned out from workshops after POH invariably with this modification.

In order to speed up this RSP work, instructions have already been issued vide this office's letters no. 2005/M (N)/204/1 Vol. II dated 26/07/2013 & 06/12/2013, which may be strictly adhered to by zonal railways.

It may also be ensured that repairs/replacement, if any, of other designs of doors of BCNHL wagons during POH should not be charged to this RSP work.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 19/10/15

Note: Please inform 20/1/15