Chief Administrative Officers (Const.)
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Closure of Meter Gauge/Narrow Gauge lines sanctioned for Gauge Conversion.

It is observed that in case of some of the Gauge Conversion projects, part of existing Meter Gauge & Narrow Gauge lines have been closed and no services are being run on these lines even before mega block have been taken. This is inviting adverse criticism from public representatives. In some of the cases, it has been observed that the existing lines are closed for more than 2 to 3 year and the Gauge Conversion project itself is languishing for want of funds. This has been resorted to by Railways despite number of instructions from Railway Board to plan the work in such a way that duration of mega block is kept to bare minimum to have least inconvenience to the rail users in that area. Under no circumstances Railways were allowed to close the section even when the start of mega block is nowhere in sight.

The details of such Meter Gauge & Narrow Gauge sections which have been closed either on account of execution of Gauge Conversion project or the section getting isolated on account of Gauge Conversion of adjoining lines may be sent alongwith reason for such closure and the date since when they are closed.

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