
The Principal Chief Engineers
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Provision of 1 mtr long fish plate at fish plated joints on concrete sleepers.

Para 244 (2) (e) of IRPWM stipulates that where concrete sleepers are required to be laid in unavoidable circumstances, in SWR track, the sleeper spacing including at fish plated joint, shall be kept uniform. In addition, 1 mtr long fish plates, be provided at fish plated joints.

Para 272 (4) (a) of IRPWM stipulates that 26 mtr rolled rail may be laid on bridges with 1.0 mtr long fish plate and 6 bolts.

It has been noticed that at some locations normal fish plate of length 610 mm provided at fish plated joints in concrete sleeper territory have not been replaced with 1 m long fish plates as required as per stipulations of IRPWM. All Railways shall confirm that the provisions of IRPWM are being strictly followed. In case, some fish plated joints have not been provided with 1 mtr long fish plate, immediate action shall be taken to ensure the availability of 1 mtr long fish plate on all fish plated joints.

Railway shall confirm the receipt of this letter & the details of such locations along with action plan shall be advised immediately within 15 days.

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