Sub: Track Renewal on DFC Feeder and 25t axle load routes

Railway Board vide letter under reference above has issued track structure for operation of 25t axle load trains. Action for track renewal targeted for 2018-19 on DFC Feeder and 25t axle load routes shall be taken by Zonal Railways as mentioned below:

(i) As availability of 60kg 110 UTS rails and wider sleepers will take some time and are not likely to be available before 2019-20, track renewals on DFC Feeder Routes and other notified/identified 25T axle load routes which are not critical from safety point of view, may be deferred by carrying out necessary casual renewals and/or imposing necessary speed restriction.

(ii) Where it is essential to carry out track renewals on DFC Feeder Routes and other notified/identified 25T axle load routes in 2018-19 itself without waiting for 110 UTS rails and/or wider sleepers, the decision to carry out such unavoidable through renewal with 60kg 90UTS rails and/or PSC sleepers to RDSO drawing number RT-2496 should be taken by PCE based on CTE’s recommendations, who will satisfy himself that through renewal can not be deferred.

(iii) The aforesaid deferment of track renewals on DFC Feeder Routes and other notified/identified 25t routes should be carried out without any reduction in overall Railway-wise targets of Track renewal and Turnout Renewal as adequate sanctions are available on other routes. Zonal Railways may plan track renewal and Turnout renewal on other sanctioned locations to the extent it is deferred on DFC Feeder Routes and other notified/identified 25t routes.

Board (ME) has directed that all Zonal Railways shall make all out effort to provide Track structure on DFCC Feeder Routes and other notified/identified 25t routes fit for running of 25T Axle Load Trains at the earliest. It is requested to take necessary action accordingly under advise to Railway Board. This issues with the approval of Board(ME)

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