

भारत सरकार (GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
रेल मंत्रालय (MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)
रेलवे बोर्ड (RAILWAY BOARD)

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Principal Chief Engineers
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Inspection of turnouts and other special structure of track

Guidelines for inspection of turnouts and other special structures of track and schedule of inspection have been given in IRPWM. According to health conditions observed during inspection, maintenance of assets is important for ensuring reliability of assets. Monitoring of inspection and compliance thereof is necessary for ensuring timely detection and attention to deficiencies. Indian Railway has a web enabled Track Management System (TMS) to ensure monitoring of track inspection and maintenance activities at various levels of Railway working.

In one of the railways, the parameters recorded by SSE/P. Way were found in deviation to the actual existing in the field in a turnout. Subsequently, the same had been inspected by ADEN who almost replicated the same parameters as recorded by his subordinate SSE/P. Way. Thereafter, a derailment took place on the same spot which was improperly inspected by concerned officials and timely attention was not paid to ensure safety. The matter has been viewed seriously by Board. Deterrent action is required to be taken in such cases.

The inspection of turnouts and other special structure of track should be conducted as per laid down schedule of inspection, ensuring compliance within a reasonable period. Regular monitoring of deficiencies noticed during inspection and its compliance must be ensured by Railways.


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