

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

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New Delhi, dated 19.12.2024

**Principal Chief Engineer,  
All Zonal Railways.**

**Sub: Annual Ballast Planning**

The annual planning for procurement of ballast is an important activity and requires due value inputs from HQ. The proper planning and then timely procurement of ballast directly affect progress of track renewal works especially deep screening of main line tracks and point & crossings. Presently, Indian Railways is lagging behind in its objective of ensuring no-due deep screening of its tracks.

To achieve the above objective, it has been decided by Board that HQ shall also be involved in the annual Divisional planning of ballast. Annual planning would require due scrutiny and approval of Chief Track Engineer.

Railways are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

**Director, Civil Engg. (Plg.)  
Railway Board**