

भारतसरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
रेलमंत्रालय **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
रेलवेबोर्ड **RAILWAY BOARD**

No. 2022/M(N)/951/34 (E-3381949)

Dated: 16.07.2024

CRSEs (Freight)
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Running of freight trains with invalid BPC.

Ref: (i) RB's letter no. 2023/TT-I/27/07/Invalid BPC dated 09.06.2023 & 30.08. 2023
(ii) EDME (Safety)/RB's note no. 2021/Safety (DM)/6/Board Meeting dated 08.07.2024

In terms of the JPO dated 30.08.2023, Board had issued instructions for permitting loading of freight trains on invalid BPC, imposing certain conditions. However, it has been noticed that the conditions laid down in the JPO are being violated on a regular basis.

There have been several instances of violations of the JPO which are detailed below. In an analysis done for a period of two days alone (01.07.2024 to 03.07.2024) **242 rakes** have been loaded over IR, on invalid BPC, which constitute roughly **10%** of all rakes loaded during the same period. The extant instructions provide for loading on invalid BPC as an exception however it appears it has become a norm on Zonal Railways.

In one such case, a rake was loaded 23 times whereas only one loading is permitted for rakes examined on End to End BPC. This is a serious breach of operations discipline having severe safety implications. Besides this there was another case wherein a rake was loaded 11 times against only one loading permitted.

In all there have been **85** instances of loading on invalid BPC without further examination involving **19** rakes over a period of just two days (01.07.2024 to 03.07.2024) on only End to End BPCs.

It may be noted that in terms of the JPO dated 30.08.2023 no relaxation has been provided with regard to permitting loading on rakes after kms mentioned in the BPC has been exhausted.

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An analysis done on this aspect revealed that there were **42** cases of violation of the running Kms provision, during the period **(01.07.2024 to 02.07.2024)**. In other words between 500 to 600 rakes are being loaded per month after completing the prescribed Kms limit which is also a violation impacting safety directly.

All CRSEs (Freight) shall monitor, on a daily basis, the rakes running with invalid BPC (whether on days basis or on Kms basis) and advise their CFTMs to control such rakes immediately and send them to the nearest C&W Examination point.

The above instructions should be followed scrupulously.

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1. PCMEs/All Zonal Railways– for kind information please.
2. PCSOs/All Zonal Railways- for information and necessary action
3. EDME/Safety/Railway Board- Ref your note dated 8th July 2024

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