

भारत सरकार Government of India
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways
रेलवे बोर्ड Railway Board

No. 2020/M(C)/650/2

New Delhi, Date: 19.09.2024

PCME
SWR, Hubli

Sub: Validity of BPC for NMG CC rakes.

Ref: i. SWR letter no. SWR/M/C/26-NMG dated 04.09.2024.

ii. RB letter no. 2010/M(C)/650/2NMG dated 26.05.2022 and 02.12.2022.

iii, CAMTECH Email dated 19.03.2024.

iv. RB letter no. 2022/M(C)/141/1_Fric_Snubber dated 17.10.2022.

Vide letter under reference, SWR has informed that they have issued BPC for NMG rakes for 30 days or 6000 km whichever is earlier and has requested Board to permit BPC for 30 days or 10000 km whichever is earlier.

The matter has been examined at Board.

1. Vide letters under reference (ii) policy for NMG type coaches was issued with the approval of MTRS & MOBD and it has been mandated that validity of BPC for NMG rake will be 12+-3 days or 6000 km whichever is earlier.
2. The issue of extension of BPC beyond 15 days was referred to CAMTECH. CAMTECH has remarked that:
"Technically it is not feasible to increase BPC validity beyond 15 days as dashpot and side bearer oil is required to be replenished at max in 15 days time. As far as KM limit is concerned, it depends upon the efficiency of the Traffic department how well they are able to utilise the NMG rake within 15 days."
3. It is also observed that SWR has not supported its decision to extend the BPC of NMG rakes based on any technical reason or justification.
4. It is however stated that trials for fitment of friction snubber assembly as an alternate to oil in dashpot in ICF bogies of NMGH are already under process at NER and SWR may also undertake conversion of five rakes for carrying out trials on priority in consultation with RDSO.

In view of the above, SWR is advised to ensure compliance to Board's instructions and send report to Board.

Further, since maintenance periodicity and pattern are a policy matter, Zonal Railways are advised not to take suo-moto policy decisions which affect the safety and operation of Rolling stock.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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C/- PCMEs/All Zonal Railways - for kind information and necessary action please.

- PED/RS/RDSO & PED/CAMTECH for kind information and necessary action please.