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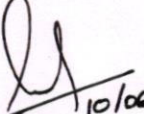
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General Managers,
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Readiness of ICF/LHB coaching stock for Kumbh Mela Jan-25 to Feb-25

1. NCR, NER and NR have communicated the likely requirement of about 150 additional rakes for the upcoming Kumbh Mela Special trains during the period Jan'25-Feb'25. Accordingly, Zonal Railways should plan for formation of the rakes, with 20 coaches each of GS, GSCN and SLR coaches as per the tentative target placed at Annexure-A. The proposed maintenance locations, along with tentative allotment of rakes are placed at Annexure-B.
2. In order to ensure readiness of coaching stock and formation of rakes as per targets, the following actions may be taken by all Zonal Railways:
 - a. ICF coaches of age up to 25 years to be kept in readiness for use as per operational requirements, duly considering all safety aspects in the coaches and due IOH/POH should be done.
 - b. The condemnation of ICF Coaches in the age profile 20-25 years to be suspended till further notice, and these coaches be planned for use as per operational requirements in Mela Specials, duly ensuring safety of the coaches in addition (condition of underframe, extent of corrosion etc.)
 - c. The rakes used in Aastha Specials, Election and Summer Specials to be preserved by all Zonal Railways, and to be used for formation of Mela Special rakes. The coaches should be monitored for liquidating IOH/POH due schedules, if any, and it should be ensured that these are available during Kumbh period such that they do not fall due/overdue IOH/POH etc.
 - d. Similarly, the Non-AC coaches released from the ICF rakes which have been replaced by LHB rakes should be retained for formation of Mela Special rakes, and monitored for liquidating IOH/POH due coaches.
 - e. Zonal Railways should ensure that no due/overdue coaches are put in the formed rakes. In this regard, Railways are advised to carry out IOH/POH of ICF coaches and in addition, liquidate ineffective GS/GSCN/SLR/SLRD coaches on Mech./Elect. Account on priority from sicklines.
 - f. Zonal Railways should endeavour that the coaches to be planned for these Mela Special rakes should be made "Zero-deficiency" with respect to Passenger amenities. Further, the rakes should be maintained with extra attention to condition of undergear/other safety items so that coach detachment at the other-end (i.e. in Kumbh Mela Area) is minimized to the extent possible.
 - g. The respective Railways should get the POH/IOH done in the nominated workshops before November'24 without fail.

The above is issued with approval of **Board (MTRS)**.


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Annexure B: Tentative allotment of rakes to be maintained

Zonal Railway (Potential Locations for Maintenance/Stabling)	Tentative Target (Rakes)
ECR (DDU, PNBE, DNR, Gaya)	30
NR (NDLS, LKO, BSB, LKO, AY/FD)	40
NER (LJN, BSB)	30
WCR (JBP, BPL, KTE, VGLJ)	30
NCR (CNB)	20
Total	150

Annexure A: Tentative target of rakes to be formed by Zonal Railways

ZR	Proportional Target for Mela Rakes
SR	15
CR	10
ER	12
SWR	9
NFR	7
NWR	7
SCR	15
SECR	3
WCR	3
SER	10
WR	15
ECOR	7
NCR	5
NR	15
NER	5
ECR	12