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General Managers  
All Zonal Railways

**Sub: Movement of Coaches to Base Depots**

The allotment of a new coach to Zonal Railway is done by Railway Board, and upon receipt of the coach, the concerned Zonal Railway allots a Base depot.

2. Various Intermediate maintenance schedules (D2/D3/A/B Sch.) have to be carried out by the Base Depot, ensuring sufficient ownership and continuity in maintenance from one schedule to the next. As per guidelines from Railway Board/RDSO, various activities (like Analysis of Air brake WSP data, wheel re-profiling etc.) and Coach modification/upgradation works have to be carried out during the intermediate schedules, which directly affect the safety and reliability of coaches. Further, with the linkage of various onboard/online monitoring systems with the coaches (like OMRS, IoT-enabled Water sensors, Condition monitoring devices etc.), alerts are being sent to the respective base depots for pro-active attention.

In the event that the coach is not being maintained at the Base depot, ensuring proper ownership for the above is difficult, and it is seen that the intermediate schedules, upgradation works and alerts from online systems may get missed/delayed.

3. It is seen that the system of moving Coaches back to their Base depots is not being followed stringently in field. As per data available on CMM, at Zonal Railway level, there are about 14% LHB coaches and 20% ICF coaches which are being maintained outside the Parent Railway of the Base depot. It can be inferred that the figures for coaches being maintained outside the Base depot would be higher, since within the Zonal Railway also, coaches are being maintained outside the concerned Base depot.

4. Accordingly, it is advised that ZRs should ensure that the coaches are sent back to their Base Depots at the earliest possible return trip, **but no later than the monthly schedule**, to enable higher maintenance reliability. For Zonal Railways where multiple coaches are being maintained from other Railways, a phase-wise plan may be drawn.

The status of the same would be reviewed after one month.

For necessary action please.



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