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General Managers  
All Zonal Railways

**Sub: Adhering of timelines for carrying out Shop Schedules of Vande Bharat rakes.**  
**Ref: Rly Board letter no. 2017/M(C)/137/4TrainSet dated 30.09.2022**


Vande Bharat rakes are being inducted across the length & breadth of the country. Simultaneously, defined maintenance activities on these rakes are being performed as per the stipulated periodicity. Spare rakes are provided to concerned railways in order to facilitate the Shop Schedules without hampering the operations.

As per the defined maintenance periodicity issued vide letter under reference above, schedule time for completion of SS-I is 15 to 20 days for a 16-Car rake. However, it is noticed that except for Central Railway which has completed SS-I of 16-Car rake in 20 days and 08-Car rake in 10 days, most of the Zonal Railways are not following the stipulated timeline for completion of SS-I schedule and taking about 30 days for completion of SS-I. Some Zonal Railways are also repeatedly requesting for spare rake in order to perform Wheel Reprofile of Vande Bharat coaches.

In this regard, following is clarified:

- i. Movement of spare rakes is planned amongst Zonal Railways on the basis of due date of SS-I schedule of various rakes. Since rakes have been inducted over IR at regular intervals, SS-I of these rakes fall due after one another. Therefore, Zonal Railways where SS-I is performed, are strictly advised to follow the timelines and release the rake for onward movement to other Railway.
- ii. As regard to provision of spare rake for wheel reprofiling, it may be noted that provision of spare rake is made primarily for attending to SS-I schedule, unscheduled maintenance and other major repairs and can be spared for wheel reprofiling only based on availability. All Zonal Railways are advised to plan for carrying out wheel profiling during the weekly maintenance day.
- iii. In order to achieve the above, all Zonal Railways are advised to plan for augmentation/upgradation of maintenance infrastructure and providing required M&P such as UFWL to facilitate Wheel Reprofile and other such preventive maintenance activities.
- iv. To enable Zonal railways to fulfill their requirements for upgradation and development of maintenance facilities for Vande Bharat Trainsets, different umbrella works have been sanctioned and distributed in order to strengthen their position for catering to the maintenance needs of Vande Bharat Trains. These works needs to be monitored at the highest level to ensure faster completion.

For further necessary action.

  
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- C/- GM/ICF for kindly ensuring the availability of Unit Exchange spares to Zonal Railways for enabling timely completion of SS-I.
- PCMEs/ All Zonal Railway for kind information and necessary action please.