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PCMEs
All Zonal Railways

Sub- COVID-19 (2nd wave) preparedness maintenance schedule of coaches.

Ref- i. ECR letter no. ECR/MEC/CHG/811 dated 17.05.2021.

ii. Railway Board letter no. 2019/M(C)/202/1 dated 20.07.2020.

iii. RDSO letter no. M&C/NDT/1/8, Vol-25 dated 29.10.2020.

iv. JPO issued vide Railway Board letter no. 2020/M(C)/137/1 dated 15.01.2021.

Due to the ongoing pandemic COVID-19, train operations were cancelled during lock down periods and accordingly to avoid accumulation of IOH/POH/SS-I/SS-II schedules a detailed guidelines were issued vide Railway Board letter under reference (ii) above. However, these guidelines were applicable up to 31.03.2021 only.

Further, in view of 2nd wave of COVID-19, references from Zonal Railways have been received to extend these guidelines.

Accordingly, Zonal Railways are advised to follow the following instructions while maintenance of Rolling stock:

1. The tolerance of POH/IOH/SS-I/SS-II for ICF/LHB coach may be kept as 30+/-0-days as similar to the earlier prescribed.
2. POH/IOH/SS-I/SS-II schedule for ICF/LHB coaches may be extended by the period of lockdown/idle or by 6 months, whichever is less and accordingly the next immediate IOH/POH/SS-II/SS-I schedule will get extended, only after the under gear examination by lifting the coach in sick line with attention as per A/B/D-I/D-II/D-III schedule, ensuring specific examination and accordingly attentions over its trolley, wheel treads and webs and corrosion in under frame.
3. Further specific examination shall also be given to the axle box bearing of the coach for grease oozing and other visual defects.
4. Any coach not having overhauled as per schedule due, shall, apart from other inspections, be also checked thoroughly for the condition of any perished rubber components, sealants etc.
5. Further, the coaches/rakes working in regular train services during this period should not be given extension as prescribed above.

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6. While extending POH/SS-II/SS-III as per Para 2 above, it should be ensured that a minimum of 40% of total eligible coaches due for POH/SS-II/SS-III are given schedules on the basis of condition.
7. While extending schedule as per Para 2 above, it should further be ensured that extension is granted only once in the POH/SS-II cycle.
8. Regular attention as per A/B/D1/D2/D3 schedule for running ICF/LHB coaches should continue to be given.
9. The coaches taken under such schedule extension activities should not be accounted as ineffective stock under maintenance.
10. The UST examination of coaches to be as per RDSO guidelines issued vide letter under reference (iii).
11. Provisions indicated under JPO issued by Railway Board vide under reference iv. above should also be followed.

The above instructions will remain in vogue up to till 30th Sept 2021 only.

This has the approval of Board (MTRS).

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