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The Chief Mechanical Engineers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Service life of ICF Design OCVs converted from PCVs.

As per extant directives a codal life of 40 years has been laid down for light utilization category of OCVs like Inspection carriages etc. This is however applicable to OCVs "as manufactured" and run in service accordingly.

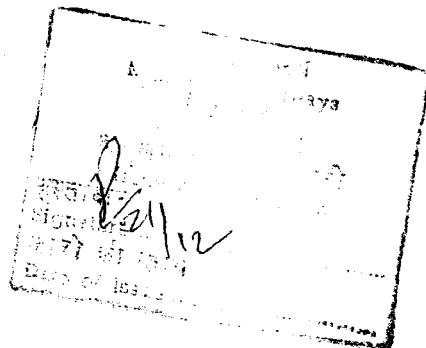
The matter of stipulating a service life for various categories of OCVs, converted from PCVs nearing the end of their prescribed codal life of 25 years for Commercial/Departmental use, has been deliberated upon.

Such categories of converted OCVs mainly include:

- (i) NMG for automobile movement
- (ii) ART/ARME for accident relief
- (iii) Camping coaches with track machines etc.
- (iv) Inspection carriages
- (v) Training cars/Observation cars
- (vi) Material vans etc.

In supersession to all previous guidelines on the subject, it has now been decided that a service life of upto 10 years post such conversion or a total life of 35 years whichever is less, be uniformly applied to all such light utilization OCVs converted from PCV. This shall however be subject to a detailed examination, from the stand point of corrosion and structural strength, during POH at an interval of 2 years and extension upto the next POH cycle, till service life prescribed as above is attained.

This issues with the approval of Board (MM).



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