The Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Indian Railways

Sub: Running of freight trains with twin pipe air brake wagons
Ref: 1) Board’s letter No.2014/TT-1/27/06 dated 17.04.2017
      2) This office letter of even no. dated 25.08.15

Joint Procedure Order for running of freight trains with twin pipe brake were issued vide letter u/r (1). Earlier reviews of implementation of the instructions had indicated very low compliance of the procedure order. Accordingly, instructions were issued vide letter u/r (2) that operating staff be instructed to get both feed pipes and brake pipes coupled at terminals and Loco Pilots be asked to insist on feed pipe in all cases where BPC has twin pipe endorsement.

In light of the above, the following feedback is required for implementation of the instructions:

(a) Railways should confirm that local orders/circulars for advising operating staff and Loco Pilots regarding Board’s letter u/r (2) have been widely circulated or not.
(b) Notice for Loco Pilots should be issued for confirmation by all Loco Pilots at the time of signing in at crew booking points.
(c) A monthly summary of twin pipe operation on the railway should be made in the following format:
    (i) Total no. of rakes of BOXNHL, BCNHL & other types based on the zonal railway with twin pipe brake system
    (ii) Total no. of twin pipe brake system rakes examined and BPC issued during the month.
    (iii) Total no. of twin pipe brake system rakes returned for examination during the month
    (iv) Out of (iii) above, no. of rakes, which came back working with twin pipe brake system during the month.
    (v) Total no. of wagons type wise that were converted on the zonal railway from single pipe to twin pipe during the month
(d) Sample checks are to be made at loading and unloading terminals to assess how many rakes, which were received at the terminals with twin pipe but were not released from the terminals in twin pipe working.

Board (MRS) has desired that the above information in the form of monthly report should be sent to this office latest by 10th of every month for the previous month. The report pertaining to July 2017 may be sent at the earliest.

(Signed)
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Railway Board