The matter of performance of weigh bridges have been discussed in various safety review meetings undertaken at Board and concern was expressed that the performance of weigh bridges needs to be improved so that proper weighment of rakes and detection of overloaded wagons can be ensured. The matter has been considered at Board and the following has been decided:

(a) The replacement of weigh bridges currently is being followed based on age-cum-condition basis. Railways are advised that henceforth the replacement of weigh bridges is to be done strictly on age basis and accordingly the processing for replacement is to be ensured by Railways.

(b) A review of the existing population of weigh bridges on IR has been undertaken, which indicate that 53 weigh bridges are either overaged or are going to complete their codal life by December 2019. Accordingly, a proposal for replacing all these 53 weigh bridges has been included in proposed M&P Programme 2018-19. The sanctions will be communicated in due course as and when the proposals are sanctioned by the competent authority.

(c) COFMOW would be processing supply contract for procurement of weigh bridges on a centralized against the above sanction basis so as to enable railways to be supplied directly from the same, which should reduce the time taken for procurement on piece meal basis by railways.

(d) All procurement of weigh bridges is required to be done with two years warranty and six years AMC cost. The cost of AMC as offered in the bid document shall be included for the purpose of evaluating the commercial bid and deciding the L1 bidder.

(e) At present there are 64 weigh bridges, which are already sanctioned on zonal railways for replacement and under various stages of procurement. Railways may advise COFMOW to include their requirements also additionally in the tender being finalized by COFMOW for the weigh bridges being procured by them as above.

Necessary action may please be taken accordingly.

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