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Sub: Maintenance of doors of BOXN type of Wagons

From time to time, Railways have been reporting cases of enroute opening of doors of BOXN type of wagons which have in certain cases led to hitting of OHE masts, signal posts, platform coping etc. In most of such cases, it is seen that the wagon doors locking was either defective or not working with doors being secured using wires.

Since the locking of doors is now showing as a hazard to safe operation of trains, Railways need to take necessary action to ensure that:

(a) During POH thorough repair of doors and its locking arrangement should be ensured as per the prescribed quality norms.
(b) During ROH & sickline repairs, wagons should be turned out after ensuring that doors and its locking arrangement are properly working.
(c) During train examination, any wagons which have doors which need to be secured using wires must invariably be repaired properly to ensure that door locking mechanism is in proper working condition. Wherever need is felt, such wagons should be detached and taken in concerned sickline for necessary repairs.

Necessary action may be taken immediately

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