Sub: Collection, Uses and disposal of excluded fittings of condemned wagons
Ref: 1) PCME/ECR’s letter No.ECR/MEC/WS/635-A dt.24/10/2019
     2) Board’s letter of even number dated 14.05.2019
     3) Board’s letter No. 2014/M(N)/951/36 dt.28.05.2018

Excluded fittings released from wagons intercepted and condemned on Zonal Railways (Open line depots as well as workshops) are required to be collected and then processed for reuse with or without repairs or disposal if found unserviceable. The major items in this category are the wheel sets, couplers, draft gars and bogie assemblies.

(a) All wheel sets along with bearing released from condemned wagons are to be collected by the concerned depots/workshops and reused or disposed off on condition basis. Instructions in this regard have also been issued vide Board’s letter u/r (ii) & (iii)

(b) Similarly all couplers, draft gears also must be taken back by depots/workshops and reused or disposed off strictly on conditional basis.

(c) As regards CASNUB bogies: For dealing with CASNUB bogies accumulated on railways, the following action should be taken by railways:

(i) The bogies with wide horn are to be condemned and disposed off as these bogies are no longer in use in any of the current design of wagons.

(ii) The bogies with narrow horn are to be invariably collected and given visual examination to assess whether these are serviceable or not i.e. to look for visible cracks and deformation etc.

(iii) The bogies found unserviceable on condition basis are to be disposed off.

(iv) The serviceable bogie assemblies are to be put to use by the depot/workshops concerned and possibility of transferring such serviceable bogies to other depots and workshops can be explored, if they are beyond the requirement of the depot/shop concerned.

(v) By 31.01.2020, Railways may advise the number of surplus serviceable narrow horn CASNUB bogies (HS & NLB types) that they have accumulated in their workshops and open line depots and that are surplus over their own requirement for unit exchange and normal spares. These bogies declared as serviceable must be declared so only after visual examination and segregation.

Railways may take necessary action accordingly.
Sub: Requirement of new axle and loose wheels on Zonal Railways

Ref: 1) Board (MRS)'s inspection note No.2017/M(W)/509/1 dated 02.01.2018 on his visit to Coach MLR Workshop, Wagon Repair Workshop and Supervisors Training Centre, Jhansi 22.12.2017
2) Board's letter of even no. dated 02.02.2018

Vide Board's letter u/r (i) Zonal Railways were asked to review the requirement of new axles keeping into account the released wheel sets available from wagons, which have been condemned or are under condemnation.

Vide the inspection note, Board (MRS), had also noted that old serviceable axles and wheel sets have been stored in the shops in the haphazard manner, which may cause damage to such axles.

Based on the replies received from the railways, it is seen that on no. of railways the requirement of axles against sanction of AAC is still considerably high. The review also does not indicate that the use of serviceable wheel sets released from condemned wagons, which should have resulted in commensurate reduction in requirement of axles as well as loose wheels has not been accounted for.

1. PCMEs are requested to set up system on their Zonal Railways particularly, in workshops to ensure that all the released wheel sets are promptly put to use and only those wheel sets, which have unserviceable wheel discs should be stored as serviceable axle. Storage of such released axles should be ensured with due precautions so as to ensure that they remain usable.
2. Normally workshops should not resort to use of new axles/wheel discs as long as there are serviceable wheel sets/axles from condemned wagons are available.
3. Each workshop must have one nominated officer (not less than JAG), who will be taking decisions for condemnation of axles and wheel sets under his personal approval so that the condemnation of axles and wheel sets can be kept track off.
4. AAC of axles and wheel discs must be reviewed every six months keeping into account the availability of serviceable axles/wheel sets available from condemned wagons.

A report on action taken in this regard may please be sent latest by 30-6-18.

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