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Sub: Compulsory dropping of draft gear from wagons during POH

It is understood that the dropping of draft gear during POH from all wagons is being done manually without any use of special purpose tools in most of the workshops. The matter had come up for discussion during CME Conference in Nov 2016 also after which some of the workshops have taken action to mechanise the removal process of draft gear by using hydraulic pressing devices and suitable jacks/tables for dropping draft gear.

It is advised that provision of hydraulic pressing devices for pressing the draft gear before removal be arranged in all workshops so that the manpower engaged in this activity is reduced and can be deployed in other POH related works. Railways may also take action for provision of such hydraulic tooling in those ROH depots where cases requiring removal of draft gear are coming up regularly during ROH/sickline attention.

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