The Pr. Chief Mechanical Engineers
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Sub: Cases of crack Centre Sill of BOXNHL & BCNHL wagons

1. In the past there have been cases of cracks developing in centre sill of BOXNHL & BCNHL wagons, which were manufactured during the first few years of introduction of these wagons. The procedure of repair of both the types of wagons has already been issued and is being already followed for such repairs.

2. In addition, preventive measures need to be taken, during POH and ROH (as the case may be), has been circulated vide RDSO letter under reference (1) & (2). It is to be ensured in all workshops that these preventive measures are compulsorily applied on all BOXNHL & BCNHL wagons that come from POH. These instructions are to be implemented with immediate effect.

3. At present about 92 BOXNHL wagons have been collected on South Eastern Railway for repair of centre sill cracks. These repairs are required to be completed expeditiously on South Eastern Railway. Isolated cases of few wagons with centre sill defects are still being reported from Zonal Railways. These wagons shall be sent to the concerned POH shops for NPOH repairs after obtaining permission from Board, wherever such repairs are not arising at the time of POH. The workshops would be required to undertake the repair of such wagons on NPOH basis.

4. Henceforth, any wagon detected with centre sill cracks therefore, would need to be repaired by the workshops concerned.

Necessary action may please be taken accordingly, as per 2, 3 & 4 above.

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