Sub: - Clarification about “Must Change Items during ROH & POH on Freight Stock”.

Ref.: - 1. Board’s letter no.2003/M (N)/951/22 dated 16.01.2013
2. Board’s letter no.2016/M (N)/172/1 Pt. dated 01.08.2017
3. Board’s letter no.2018/M (N)/172/1 dated 05.03.2020
4. Board’s letter no.2019/M (N)/509/5 dated 26.11.2020

Following instruction was advised vide letter under reference (1) during POH is:

“Knuckle is subjected to wear on Nose, Pulling lug area. Some Workshops are changing on 100% basis and released serviceable material is given to divisions. Knuckles are playing very important role in coupling gear. In the present spurt of train parting / uncoupling cases Knuckles might be playing a vital role. Upgraded couplers are being developed by RDSO as per WB-70-BD-10. The committee therefore recommends one time replacement of indigenous knuckles with the upgraded knuckles as per WD-70-BD-10. However, serviceable knuckles shall be given to divisions for replacement during train examination”.

Further, vide letter referred-2 above, instructions were issued to procure CBC and components for manufacturing repairs and maintenance to be undertaken by all agencies by WD-70-BD-2010 specification.

Further, instructions in the matter were advised vide letter under reference (3) & (4).

It is understood that 100% replacement of the WD-70 Knuckles, CBC Lock and Rotary Lock Lift Assembly is not mandated during POH of wagons.

Accordingly, it is advised to issue necessary instruction and technical standing orders to NTXRs on the subject.