Sub: Permission to use BTAP wagons for loading Bulk cement.
Ref: M/s. UltraTech Cement Ltd.'s letter on the above subject.

The request vide your letter u/r (i) for permission to use BTAP wagons for loading Bulk cement has been examined by RDSO and RDSO has recommended precaution to be taken in loading of bulk cement in BTAP wagons, as under:

1. At the time of loading, decomposing pipe valve must be in open condition.
2. At the time of unloading, decomposing pipe valve must be in closed condition.
3. Compared to flyash, cement has more tendencies to coagulate when it comes in contact with moisture. Extra care should be taken to prevent contact of moisture.
4. To minimize the residue, unloading to be done a pressure of 2 bar minimum.
5. Maximum gross weight must be restricted to 87.68 t with payload of 58.52t.
6. All other precautions applicable for flyash shall also be applicable for cement.

It is also advised that first loading and unloading be done in presence of RDSO’s officials and after 03 months of operation, a feedback report be prepared and sent to RDSO.

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