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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

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New Delhi, Date: 16.12..2013

General Managers,
NCR, SR, SCR, SECR, SWR, WR

Sub: New design of Ballastless Track (BLT) for use on Indian Railways.

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A new design of Ballastless Track with Indian Fastening System (BLT-IFS) has been developed by RDSO and approved by Railway Board (ME) for the purpose of trial on Zonal Railways. Board/(ME) while approving the design have also made the following observations.

1. Zonal Railways mentioned above may lay the washable aprons with BLT-IFS on trial basis for some locations on main line, preferably at least at one location on each Zonal Railway, where sanction already exists.
2. The transition arrangement shown on the drawing is not mandatory and Zonal Railways may review the need of the same with the approval of CTE as per local conditions.
3. For tracks with restricted speeds of 45 kmph or lower, transition arrangement can be dispensed with.
4. The trials can be done on other than washable aprons also i.e. on mainline track.

The complete set of drawings along with guidelines for construction of BLT-IFS (Document No. CT-31) will be issued by RDSO to Zonal Railways, IRCON, KRCL, & RVNL also for undertaking construction and trial of the new design.

It is requested to undertake trials on receipt of drawings from RDSO and Board advised of the performance of BLT-IFS for approving its regular use on Indian Railways.

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1. GMs/CR, ECR, ECoR, NR, NER, NWR, NFR, SER, WCR & Metro Rly./Kolkata.
2. DG/RDSO/Lucknow. For information and necessary action. This is in continuation of Board's letter of even number dated 13.12.2013.
3. CMD/IRCON, CMD/RVNL, CMD/KRCL for necessary action please.