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D.O. No.99M(N)/60/7

My dear ___ (GMs – All Indian Railways)

Sub.: Disposal of accident involved wagons and coaches.
Ref.: CRB's D.O. letter No.97/CC/Chg./7 dt.6/10.10.2000.


Railways were asked vide letter ibid to launch a drive to retrieve rolling stock involved in accidents and where not feasible, to ensure expeditious disposal by condemnation and auction sale. It is seen that as many as 38 numbers of coaches and 388 numbers of wagons are lying as on date, alongside the track in mangled condition over the Indian Railways.

2. Inordinate delay in retrieval/disposal of accident damaged coaches and wagons alongside the railway tracks adversely affects our public mage. It is, therefore, of the prime importance to ensure that certain special steps are devised in the system to treat the accident damaged rolling stock on a different war footing from the normal scrap.

3. This special procedure should include condemnation of accidented stock within 15 days of the mishap by which time the rolling stock with al documents should be handed over to the Controller of Stores for disposal by auction sale. The auction sale of such rolling stock should also be conducted fast, if need be, by holding special auction within 30 days of the receipt of such documents and rolling stock by the OS. The delivery time for such rolling stock to be included in the auction sale conditions should also be contained and should not normally exceed 30 to 45 days. Extensions in delivery dates if any, should not be allowed in the routine course and there should be strict discipline in maintaining the schedules laid down in the sale contract. In a nutshell, the whole process should be completed within a maximum of 75/80 days. The CMM in charge of scrap sales may be nominated to personally monitor and watch adherence to this laid down time table.

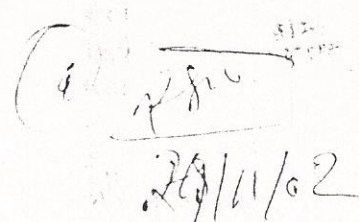
4. I would request that a review of coaches and wagons lying alongside track is done and targets fixed for clearance in a multi-disciplinary meeting.

Yours sincerely,


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