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

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New Delhi, dated 24.09.13.

Principal Chief Engineers,
Central Railway, Mumbai.
Eastern Railway, Kolkata.
East Central Railway, Hajipur.
North Central Railway, Allahabad.
North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur.
North Western Railway, Jaipur.
South Central Railway, Secunderabad.
Western Railway, Mumbai.

**Sub: Planning of supply of rails from Bhilai Steel Plant of SAIL after
commissioning of new rail rolling mill at Bhilai.**

Ref: This office letter of even no. dated 11.07.13.

1. At present Bhilai Steel Plant of SAIL is supplying rails to Indian Railway in length of 13 m, 26 m and 260 m. Bhilai Steel Plant is installing a new rolling mill at Bhilai which is likely to be commissioned by 31.03.2014. In this new rolling mill, rails of 130 m length will be rolled and total production of rails will be either in the form of long rails (260 m) or in 13 m length for fabrication of points and crossings etc. Thus requirement of long rails transportation for next year will be approx. 4.5 lac MT against present yearly production of long rails of 1.37 lac MT.
2. At present there are 13 dedicated rakes of 21 BRNs each being utilized for transportation of long rails from Bhilai Steel Plant and 7 Loha rakes of 42 BRNs each for transportation of 26m rails. To dispatch 4.5 lac MT long rail panels annually from Bhilai to all the zonal railways, 52 EUR rakes (each rake of 21 BRNs) will be required in place of existing 13 EUR & 7 Loha rakes.
3. Board (ME) has approved the planning of arrangement of 52 EUR rakes and seen by Board (MM). As per this planning EUR rakes of zonal railways committed to Board in reference to above referred letter have been taken into account in planning of 52 EUR Rakes and will be merged in the fleet of 52 EUR rakes of central pool. The details of these rakes are as under:

- (i) EUR rakes of new design available with zonal railways in good condition which are being utilized for transportation of long rails by zonal railways from Flash Butt Welding plants to their sites:

Railway	NER	NCR	NWR	ECR	SCR	WR	Total
EUR rake available	1	3	2	3	1	3	13

- (ii) EUR rakes under fabrication in different zonal railways in Mechanical/Engineering Workshops for which wagons have already been arranged and committed to Board by zonal railways to be ready before commissioning of the new rail mill at Bhilai.

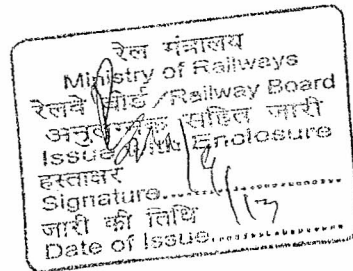
Railway	NER	NCR	WR	ER	CR	Total
EUR rake under fabrication/planning	1	1	2	1	2	7

4. In this regard, it is desired that matter may be pursued in the railway and ensured that these rakes under fabrication are available for use before commissioning of new rail rolling mill at Bhilai.

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