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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
RAILWAY BOARD**

No.TCI/2004/109/4

New Delhi, dated 04.11.2004

**The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.**

Sub:- Installation and functioning of weigh bridges/Overloading of wagons.

- 1.0 Board have decided that Zonal Railways may take following action with regard to installation and functioning of weigh bridges and dealing with overloaded wagons. In this connection attention is also drawn to CRB's D.O. No. 2004/Dev. Cell/IDEI/2 dated 29.09.04 and Fax message No. 2004/Dev. Cell/IDEI/2 dated 15.10.04 issued to all GMs.
- 2.0 Where in-motion weighbridges do not exist, weighbridges should be commissioned at the earliest as per the Action Plan drawn up by the Railways. The Mechanical Department will take action regarding installation and commissioning of additional weighbridges, monitoring the progress regularly and advising Board every month in the MCDOs from the General Managers.
- 3.0 The Mechanical Department will also take action for keeping the weigh bridges in working order and get them calibrated regularly from concerned authorities.
- 4.0 Where in-motion weighbridges do not exist, weight/volume ratio method will continue to be applied to ensure that no overloading takes place. Proper record will be maintained at the loading station/siding as well as in Divisional Control Offices. Such loading will be crosschecked physically by Commercial Officers at least once a fortnight. Wagons, which are found to be overloaded at the loading point either by weighment on the in-motion weighbridges or by weight/volume ratio, will be adjusted by the consignors before RR is issued. Demurrage will be charged for detention of the rake till the weight is adjusted.
- 5.0 A team of Senior Scale/JA Grade Officers drawn from Operating, Mechanical, Civil, Finance Departments should carry out joint inspection at least once in two months to ensure that all the weighbridges are functioning properly and proper procedures are being followed and implemented. The responsibility for proper functioning of the weighbridges and procedures should be at the level of ADRM.

- 6.0 Functioning of all weigh bridges in the Division should be reported in the daily position. If a weighbridge gets out of order then loading shall be permitted upto 7 days by DRM; upto 30 days by COM; upto 6 months by GMs with their personal approval. If the weighbridge remains out of order for more than six months, it should be brought to the notice of the Board (ME, MM & MT).
- 7.0 The weighbridges should be calibrated regularly from concerned authorities to ensure correctness of weighment. In case of private weighbridges, the owner will ensure the calibration. The joint team of Officers should also crosscheck this aspect during their inspections.
- 8.0 Zonal Railways shall keep the record of the penalty realized for overloading and advise the Board through the MCDOs of General Managers.
- 9.0 It has been decided by the Board, in their meeting on 30.09.2004, that the Zonal Railways should take immediate action to ensure that whenever wagons are found to be abnormally overloaded beyond the permitted limits at the originating point, detailed operating procedures should be established for unloading such overloaded wagons at the originating point itself and demurrage should be levied for the delay to the rake/wagons on this account.
- 10.0 It has also been decided by the Board, in their meeting on 30.09.2004, that detailed procedure should be issued by the General Managers of Zonal Railways for dealing with overloaded wagons found on rakes that are weighed en-route. For example, such wagons may be carried at a restricted speed up to a point where the excess quantity may be unloaded or alternatively wagon detached.
- 11.0 This issues with the concurrence of the Traffic Transportation, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Finance Directorates in the Ministry of Railways.
- 12.0 Please issue instructions to all concerned and acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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