Sub: Guidelines regarding load adjustment of overloaded wagons and weighment after load adjustment

Ref: Rates Master Circular/Weighment/2019/0 and its amendments

CRS/SECR in its report has recommended that “...Railway should ensure that overloading is minimized specially in the context that there is no established procedure for the excess load adjustment/off-loading. Moreover, no re-weighment is being done after the excess load adjustment/off-loading to ensure that all excess loads have been adjusted. At least in some test cases rakes should be re-weighed to know the efficacy of the load adjustments done”

In this regard, extant guidelines are reiterated for strict compliance for all concerned:

"Whenever wagons are found to be abnormally overloaded beyond permitted limits at the originating point, load adjustment of such wagons is done at the originating point itself. However, if load adjustment is not feasible at originating point due to operational constraints, railway administration may permit load adjustment at nearby suitable location. The wagons shall be carried at a restricted speed upto such point where excess quantity may be unloaded or alternatively wagons are detached”

"Detailed procedure should be issued by the General Manager 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 upto a point where excess quantity may be unloaded or alternatively wagon detached. As overloading in wagon(s) affects safety, Zonal Railways are advised to take all necessary remedial measures to obviate instances of overloading.”

(refer Para 4.1(b), 4.2 of Rates Master Circular/Weighment/2019/0)

“The wagons that had under gone load adjustment should be randomly re-weighed. The identification of rakes for random weighment should be done by PCCM in consultation with PCOM”

(refer Para 4.3(iii) of Rates Master Circular/Weighment/2019/0)

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