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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2012/M(Safety)/10/ Misc. Inspection Dt. 10/5/2012

The Chief Mech. Engineers,
All Zonal Railways (Open Line)

Sub: Non-working of hand brakes of wagons
Ref: Board's letters of even number dated 30.1.12 & 14.3.12

Based on directions received instructions were issued vide letters of even number dated 30.1.12 and 14.3.12 to conduct special drives to re-commission hand brake mechanism of all wagons and to ensure that all hand brakes on wagons were kept in working condition. Further, Railway Board in their meeting on 23.2.2012 directed as follows:

"Board expressed concern over the reported instances of non-functional hand brakes in freight stock, especially in BOXN wagons and directed that immediate remedial measures be taken in this regard".

2. An Action taken report on this matter should kindly be sent by 11.5.12 covering the following:
(i) The percentage of hand brakes which were found non-functional in your Railway prior to 23.2.2012 and the percentage as of now.
(ii) The number of wagons where the defective Hand brake mechanism was made functional by the Railway in Workshops, ROH depots, sickliness and Yard in the months of March and April 2012.
(iii) In case some wagons are still running with Hand brake mechanism not functional, the reason for the same.

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Railway Board

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NCO, IRCA, New Delhi: To send the latest reports on the subject for the month of April by Return