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The General Managers (Open Line)
All Indian Railways

Sub: **Premium Examination of Freight Trains**
Ref: Board's letters of even No. Dated 7.4.2006 and 25.4.2006

Under above referred letters, instructions were issued to ZRs for introducing "Premium Examination" of freight trains of BOXN, BCN, BCNA, BCNAHS, BOXNHS, BOXNHA, BOST, BTPN, BOBR and BOBRN stocks at nominated TXR points. BPC of these rakes have validity of 12 days (with 3 days additional grace period to facilitate examination in unloaded condition) and are permitted for multiple loading/unloading within short leads subject to conditions as enclosed with above referred letter dated 7.4.2006.

2. In order to speed up implementation and have examination of most of the trains at nominated points either on CC or Premium pattern, Railways were advised to upgrade the examination facilities at these points to 'A' category within 6 months. However, although more than 8 months have passed since introduction of premium examination of rakes, the progress in this respect at majority of the nominated points is not upto the mark on account of inadequate facilities for examination, poor illumination, shortage of critical spares and assemblies, etc.

3. Moreover, some of the rakes being offered for examination at the premium points are either mixed/part/mini rakes which further reduces the scope of premium examination. Further, the monitoring of the movement of premium rakes is also unsatisfactory as a result of which, such rakes are not pushed to premium point, in empty condition, within the validity and the rakes get mixed up with normal end-to-end rakes.

4. Therefore, further to above referred letters, following additional/supplementary instructions are being issued on the subject to remove bottlenecks and speed up implementation:

i) All points nominated for premium examination of trains shall issue premium intensive BPCs ***round the clock*** and such rakes will be formed out of all types of air brake freight rolling stock except BRN, BTPGLN, BLC, BFKN & departmental stock. BLC will be examined on CC basis for which separate instructions exist.

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ii) Railways to upgrade the examination facilities at all points nominated by the Board in the above referred letter of 25.4.2006 or subsequently by the Railways themselves for premium examination of freight trains to 'A' category at the earliest.

iii) Wherever proper facilities for illumination, welding, material handling and minor repairs etc are not available, Railways should make these arrangements through urgent purchase/hiring of necessary equipments & services as well as spares from market for round the clock premium examination of freight trains.

4. **This issues in consultation with the Traffic Directorate of the Railway Board.**

5. Kindly acknowledge the receipt and ensure compliance.

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Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, Lucknow – For kind information.