भारत सरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
रेल मंत्रालय **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
(रेलवे बोर्ड **RAILWAY BOARD**)

No. 2018/M(N)/172/1

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Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, **Dated 24.04.2019**

Pr. Chief Mechanical Engineers
All Indian Railways

Sub: **Procurement of CBC and its components for Open line maintenance requirements to WD-70-BD specification**
Ref: Board's letter No.2016/M(N)/172/1 Pt. Dated 01.08.2017

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As was decided earlier and conveyed vide Board's letter u/r, railways were advised to procure CBC and its components only against upgraded specification WD-70-BD-10 and no procurement action was to be initiated (opening of tenders) beyond 01.04.2018 using the old specification WD-48-BD-08. It is being reported from various railways that

(a) Many railways are still processing tender cases and/or have placed POs for procurement of CBC and its components to WD-48-BD-08 specification
(b) Also there are cases in which the CBC components tenders are being floated with consignee inspection clause.

It may please be noted that CBCs and its components are vital safety items and with the implementation and near universalisation of CC+8+2 loading wagons, the earlier specification for CBCs (WD-48-BD-08) has already been found to be failure prone and leading to frequent cases of train parting. It may be noted that majority of the train parting cases on IR are pertaining to CBC and its components failing which were of WD-48-BD specification. Also, the quality of CBC and its components needs to be of the desired level as specified by the specification and accordingly, all CBC items are mandated for inspection by RDSO before supply. Undertaking consignee inspection and/or procuring to old inferior specification in such cases is therefore, fraught with serious risk to safety of train operations.

It is accordingly advised that with immediate effect:

(a) All tender cases be processed for procurement of WD-48-BD specification components and CBCs be immediately dropped and reprocessed with the specification WD-70-
(b) No further tenders should be processed for WD-48-BD specification. The same should be only with WD-70-BD-10 specification
(c) In case of CBC and its components, the existing instructions for inspection of the supplies by RDSO must be strictly followed and no material without prior RDSO inspection should be either accepted or used.

Necessary action may please be taken accordingly.

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