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एवं
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May 25, 2016

No.2016/Mobility/2/1 (Mission Raftaar)

Dear General Manager,

As you are aware **"Mission Raftaar"** is one of the seven important missions unveiled in the Railway Budget 2016-17 by Hon'ble MR. The mission envisages a target of doubling average speed of freight trains and increasing the average speed of Superfast/Mail/Express trains by 25 kmph in the next 5 years.

2. A number of capacity enhancement works are in progress which, on completion, would create the necessary condition for attainment of the above goal. However, we must not wait till then and think of immediate action which can yield incremental speed increases and create the right momentum right away.

3. I would like each GM to draw up an immediate short-term Action Plan clearly listing the steps to be taken, the timeframe and quantification of speed increase envisaged by the year end. Some illustrative steps in this direction could be rationalisation by speed restrictions, elimination of stalling/train partings and sharp monitoring of asset maintenance practices. The plan so drawn up must be fully owned by the Zonal Railways and its realisation closely monitored.

Going beyond the current year, medium-term and long-term plans may include concrete roadmap to gradually remove infrastructural bottlenecks and build capacity in terms of appropriate rolling-stock (for example replacement of conventional coaches by MEMUs/DEMUs), skilled man-power, time-tabling changes and operating/driving practices to achieve the goal of average speed of 50 kmph for freight trains and that of 75 kmph for Mail/Express trains by 2021-22. In these action plans, improvements that can be brought about by Zonal Railways by themselves and areas where assistance of Railway Board is required are to be clearly brought out.

4. Immediate/short-term and medium/long-term action plans may be sent to Advisor/Mobility, Railway Board by 15th June and 30th June, 2016 respectively. After the consolidated plans are prepared at Board level, I would like to discuss the same with each Zonal Railways and monitor its phased achievement.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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