GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

82/WDO/ODC/1. New Delhi, dated 14-9-82.

The General Manager (Works)
All Indian Railways.

Subject:- Speed for Movement of over sized consignments - 'A' & 'B' Class.

Under Board's letter No.5780-W dated 12-9-46 and 14-3-1947 Railways had been empowered to sanction movement of ODCs with net clearance of not less than 3 inches (later classified as A and B class ODCs). These instructions provided for movement of 'A' and 'B' class ODCs by day light goods trains at speeds not exceeding 25 MPH on BG, and 15 MPH on MG, subject further to any speed restrictions on the sections and General Rule 90(a), with provision to allow movement of 'A' class ODCs with net clearance of not less than 6 inches during night as well as day.

2. Subsequently, Under Board's letter No.64/WDO/ODC/6 dated 17-5-1967, night running of 'B' class ODCs loaded only on 130 tone well wagons was permitted with stipulations mentioned in that letter.

3. On 16-2-1977, a meeting was held in Board's Office, of the representatives of Operating and Engineering Officers of different Railways and they recommended that 'A' Class ODCs may be permitted to run both during day and night at the sectional speeds permissible for the trains carrying four wheelers. They further recommended that all 'B' Class loads may also be permitted to run at night time at same speeds as allowed during the day.

4. Board have considered the above recommendations and have decided as follows in the matter of movement of 'A' and 'B' class ODCs:

A. On Broad Gauge.

(i) 'A' Class ODCs: 'A' Class ODCs having net clearance not less than 6" (150 mm) may be permitted to run both during day and night at 40 Kmph as hitherto vide Board's letter No.5730-W dated 12-9-1946. Alternatively, Railways may run A Class ODCs at higher speeds upto which trains carrying four wheelers are permitted to run on the section, subject to the speed being limited to 30 Kmph in vicinity of fixed structures having gross clearance of less than 15" (380 mm) all such locations being indicated in the instructions to be given to the drivers. This restriction is considered necessary to cater to the possibility of the consignments getting laterally shifted at higher speeds.

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(ii) B Class ODCs: 'B' Class ODCs may be allowed to run at 40 Kmph during day as well as night. However, for night runs following additional conditions shall be observed.

(a) Seniormost escorting official shall be provided with details (name, kilometrage, diagram etc.) of all those structures from which the net clearance less than 6".

(b) The seniormost escorting official would be made responsible to ensure that the consignment does not shift from its position enroute.

(c) At the approach of each of the structures, where the clearance is less than 6", the train would be stopped and the consignment checked to see that there has no shifting. For this purpose, five cell flash light shall be provided to the seniormost escorting official

(d) The train would be required to pass all such structures at dead slow speed.

B. On Metre Gauge.

(i) 'A' Class ODCs may be allowed to run at 25 Kmph during day as well as at night as added vide Board's letter No.5730-W dated 12-9-1946.

(ii) 'B' Class ODCs may also be allowed to run at 25 Kmph during day as well as at night. However for night running of the 'B' Class ODCs, conditions as stipulated above under A(ii) will be observed.

5. This disposes of Central Railway's letter No.T.607/MLHR/Policy dated 10/12-2-1982 and Western Railway's letter No. W 591/6/1 dated 19-8-1982.

6. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

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No.82/WDO/ODC/1. New Delhi, dated 14-9-1982.

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