

भारत सरकार Government of India
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways
रेलवे बोर्ड Railway Board

No. 2020/M(C)/137/1

(E-File No. 3316886)
New Delhi, dated-15.01.2021

General Managers
All Indian Railways

Sub: Joint procedure order for POH of ICF coaches between 18-20 years & release of Covid coaches.

**Ref: i. Railway Board letter no. 2019/PEDME (W)/Comm. on ICF Coaches (Pt.) dated 11.03.2020.
ii. Railway Board letter no. 2019/M(C)/202/1 dated 20.07.2020.**

Vide above reference (ii), guidelines for maintenance of coaches during Covid-19 period have been issued with the approval of Board. Further, the subject issue has been deliberated at Board and accordingly this JPO is being issued.

Zonal Railways are advised as following:

- i. Service life of ICF coaches is reduced to 20 years subject to such coaches being declared surplus by the PCME and PCOM of the Zone in accordance with the earlier decision taken by Board. Accordingly, Zonal Railways may process for condemnation of over aged ICF coaches.
- ii. PCMEs of the Zonal Railways shall have full power to condemn ICF coaches considering the condition and availability of coaches for passenger services.
- iii. ICF coaches of age profile 20 years and more should be critically examined before condemnation. If not corroded heavily, the same may be utilized for conversion into NMGs/VPU and other departmental/Non-departmental coaches against requirement and sanctions available.
- iv. In view of the closure of MLR schedule, ICF coaches of age less than 20 years if corroded heavily, may also be condemned with the approval of PCME.
- v. In case ICF coaches are required to be used beyond 20 years of service life for trains operations, such numbers should be sent to Board, after which these coaches can be permitted for passenger service up to 31st March 2022.
- vi. ICF coaches of 18 or older age profile should not normally be taken up for IOH/POH, as full services have not been resumed. However to avoid train cancellation on account of Non availability of any type of eligible coaches, Zonal Railways may carry out IOH/POH schedule of the ICF coaches of age group 18-20 years with the approval of PCME at specific projection of requirement by PCOM.
- vii. While granting above permission (Para vi) for IOH/POH of ICF coaches between 18-20 age group it should be ensured that required eligible ICF stock is not lying spare either within the Zone or in any other Zonal Railways.

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- viii. In extreme exigency to avoid train cancellation on account of non-availability of any type of eligible coaches, ICF coaches may be given extension of IOH/POH schedules by 3 months, over and above the period of lockdown/ idle. This should be done only after the under gear examination by lifting the coach in sick line with A/B schedule, at the time of putting the coach in train services, ensuring specific examination and accordingly attentions over its trolley, wheel treads and webs and corrosion in under frame.
- ix. With resumption of train services, POH/IOH schedules ICF coaches of less than 18 years of age profile and SS-I/SS-II/SS-III schedules for LHB coaches should be materialized first on priority utilizing the capacity of workshops.
- x. COVID isolation coaches converted from ICF coaches of age profile less than 20 years may be restored back if there is no requirement of isolation coaches from the State Government and only if coaches are needed by PCOM for operational requirement. The expenditure incurred on restoring back the Isolation coaches may be booked to correct allocation.
- xi. To avoid train cancellation on account of Non availability of any type of eligible coaches, in exigency surplus LHB rakes may be run in place of ICF rakes with the approval of PCME.

This JPO is being issued with the approval of Board (MTRS, MOBD and MF) and has concurrence of Finance directorate/Railway Board.

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