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**General Manager,
All Zonal Railways**

Sub: Rolling Block Plan- Joint Procedure order.

ALL DRMs
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Board had advised for implementation of Rolling Block Plans and accordingly divisions are preparing rolling block plans for execution of various planned works. To ensure proper implementation of rolling block plans and uniformity of approach, the ensuing procedure order is being issued. Following guidelines may be kept in consideration while framing rolling block plans:

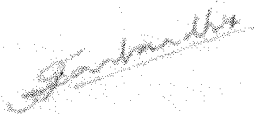
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- Rolling Block Programme shall eventually be prepared for 26 weeks in the Division and approved by DRM. It shall be reviewed weekly and another one-week planning will be added every week. However, as this is a new practice, it was initially implemented for 1/2/4 weeks planning. The same should now be extended to 8 weeks planning and gradually increased to 26 weeks planning as the experience is progressively gained.
- Rolling Block Plan shall fulfil the requirement of traffic/power block for renewals, maintenance, new asset creation work, disconnections, movement of track machines, inspection vehicles and RMCs etc. including blocks committed for outsourced track machines. Mega blocks may be planned once in a week or as per the requirements of major infrastructure works or NI works.
- The Rolling block programs should integrate planning for all type of works e.g. civil, electrical, S&T and projects for creation/modification/rehabilitation of all types of infrastructure assets requiring blocks. Requirement of blocks by different stakeholders shall be assessed and dovetailed in a joint manner. With integrated planning, separate blocks in same section for works of different departments/agencies can be avoided in the 26 weeks horizon.
- SrDOM shall indicate a suitable corridor for giving the blocks demanded taking into consideration the integrated maintenance corridor block provided in the working timetable, historical data and operational patterns.

- e) An empowered team of all concerned branch officers shall be nominated on each Division to review and finalise the Rolling Block Plan.
- f) The weekly block planning will be finalized by concerned branch officers and approved by DRM. Grant of blocks & output of blocks shall be reviewed by DRMs regularly and the review of grant and utilisation of blocks in the previous week shall be part of Rolling Block Programme.
- g) The record of block demanded, granted, actual duration and output should be updated, as usual, in Control Office Application (COA), Track Management System (TMS), Traction Distribution Management System (TDMS) etc. for log. The planning, execution and internal communication for Rolling Block Programme may be done as deemed fit by the division.
- h) This programme is for planned works. Activities requiring urgent blocks will continue to be governed as per the existing practices/provisions.
- i) Appropriate and adequate resources should be mobilised to optimise the productivity during these blocks. Proper planning and resource mobilisation should be ensured to complete the planned work within planned block time with required quality.
- j) Eventually planning for blocks for mega works and NI works necessitating cancellation/rescheduling/diversion of trains, should be made adequately in advance and such works should be eventually slotted for exact dates in the 26 weeks horizon so that trains can be cancelled/rescheduled/diverted before the commencement of Advance Reservation Period (ARP), so that passengers are not inconvenienced. However, to start with, cancellation/rescheduling/diversion are to be made 4 weeks in advance as far as possible and the period should be gradually increased to ARP.
- k) For increasing the maintenance corridors, intra zonal trains can be rescheduled with the approval of GM under information to Railway Board.
- l) For increasing the maintenance corridors, trains involving only 2 zones can be rescheduled by the zones concerned with mutual consultation & approval of GMs under information to Railway Board. If agreement is not reached between the two zones, matter may be referred to Railway Board.

This has the approval of Board (MI,MOBD,MTRS and CRB).


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