

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No: ITRA/ROC/FD&D

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CIRCULAR

ALL RAIL USERS

Sub:- Heavy sick marking of Iron ore wagons at R&D VZP – Reg.

It is to reiterate that the Indian Railways have been bitterly complaining regarding severe Damage & Deficiencies of Railway wagons, which is resulting in detachment of loaded wagons from the trains at R&D Yard (after the load / empty train is handed over to the Railways after loading / un-loading completion). It is observed from the reports of Indian Railways that wagon parts viz. Break pipes, Door rests, Adapters, Wagon floor, Wagon Doors, Side pillars etc., are being damaged during loading / un-loading operations and several under gear parts are also found missing from wagons.

It is observed that the under gear missing cases are also noticed in respect of trains loaded at the mechanical loading terminals and therefore the private terminals should ensure strict vigil during the time of wagon loading.

Damage & Deficiency to Railway wagons is warranting detachment of wagons at VPT, R&D Yard either for carrying out Heavy Repair (HR) or Transshipment (TS), thus causing non-timely dispatch of cargo to the destination (along with the actual train). Further, this is also resulting in detention of rolling stock at VPT and adversely impacting the overall Turn Round Time (TRT) of wagons within the Port as well as availability of rakes, on demand. Load ability of wagons is decreasing and Railways are incurring huge costs in repairing the damaged wagons.

In recent times abnormal increase in damages to wagons are reported from the Manual Iron Ore and Thermal Coal rakes, which has resulted in deployment of Man power and material by E.Co.Railways Authorities to carry out the repairs at the site only, for which necessary damage cost charges is recoverable on receipt of the recovery particulars from E.Co.Railway Authorities.

Hence, it may be noted that the damage and deficiency cost as informed by E.Co.Rly Authorities are also recoverable for the damages reported and repair works carried out, in desirable and specific cases.

In view of the above, all the concerned Handling Agents are once again requested to instruct the loader operators and the supervisors concerned at Private terminals as well as VPT terminals to ensure safe handling of Railway wagons and also to ensure strict vigil to avoid damages of Railway wagon parts


TRAFFIC MANAGER

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Copy to: CME/CE for information

Copy to: All Handling Agents of Railway wagons for information and necessary action.

Copy to: Sr.DOM-I/Sr.DOM-II/Sr.Dy.CM/Sr.DME, Waltair Division, E.Co.Rly, VSp.