

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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ALL RAIL USERS

Sub:- Wagon damages at different sidings in VPA and detachments at R&D – Reg.

With reference to the above subject, it is to reiterate that Indian Railways have been complaining regarding severe Damage & Deficiencies of Railway wagon parts, 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, Doors, Side pillars etc., are being damaged during loading / un-loading operations and several under gear parts are also found missing from wagons and it was found during Iron Ore operations. The same has been brought to the notice of the users for several times, but no improvement has been found.

It is observed that most of the under gear missing cases are 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 of Railway wagon parts is warranting detachment of wagons at VPA, 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 VPA and adversely impacting the overall Turn Round Time (TRT) of wagons within the Port as well as availability of rakes, on demand and the charges towards damages also increased every quarter.

In view of the above, all concerned 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 theft of Railway wagon parts.

The above instructions are to be strictly adhere to.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

- Copy to: PA to Dy. Chairperson- for kind information of Dy. Chairperson.
- Copy to: PA to TM- for kind information of TM.
- Copy to: ATM[R/C-II] – for information and necessary action.
- Copy to: ATM (Rlys) to regularly counsel the handling agents & private terminals regarding safe handling of Railway wagons to avoid Damage & Deficiencies.