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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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New Delhi, dated 27.02.12.

Principal Chief Engineers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Phasing out of Analogue SRT/DRT Machines.

Ref: This office letter of even no. dated 06.07.09 & 07.07.09.

1. Vide above referred letters, Zonal Railways were advised that "as per Hon'ble MR's budget speech 2009-10 (Item No. 27), digital ultrasonic flaw detecting machines are to be used for ultrasonic testing of rails/welds."
2. Accordingly, it was instructed that henceforth all procurement of USFD testing machines either on replacement account or on new account will be with digital machines only.
3. It was also instructed that "during the next five years existing analogue SRT/DRT machines are planned to be phased out by digital ultrasonic testing machines; SRT/DRT/Weld Tester and it was also asked that yearly planning for the phasing out of analogue SRT/DRTs by digital SRT/DRTs on the next five years to be advised to Board."
4. Therefore, status of digital as well as analogue USFD testing machines as on 31.03.12 and planning of phasing out of analogue machines in the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 may be given in the Performa attached.
5. It is to emphasize that in the XIIth five year plan also it has been committed that all analogue machines will be phased out by 2013-14. Hence urgent necessary action may be taken in this regard and Board may be apprised accordingly.

DA/As above.


27/2/12
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