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MODIFICATION SHEET NO. RDSO/WAM4/147

Modification to smoothing reactor connection cable cleats.

1. Object of modification:

- 1.1 In the smoothing reactor type SL-42 manufactured by CLW threaded blind holes are provided in the fixed cleat (connected to the winding) for tightening with the screws to secure cables with both the cleats. Thew threads in the electrolytic copper cleat wear out due to frequent tightening resulting in improper, gripping of the cable lugs particularly under the vibration conditions in service. This results in overheating of the gripping junction and is likely to further develop into a major fire accident.
- 1.2 In order to over come the above problem, It has been decided to,
 - i) Increase the thickness of the cleats:
 - **ii**) Drill the existing blind holes through:
 - **iii)** Replace the existing screws by high tensile cadmium plated bolts and nuts arrangement, and
 - **iv**) Braze a wider copper connection bar at the terminals so as to cover the fixed cleat fully as shown in the drawing No. SKEL-3345 (enclosed).

2. Work to be done.

- 2.1 The thickness of both the fixed and the matching electolytic copper cleats to be increased from 18 mm to 23 mm.
- 2.2 The existing blind holes to be drilled through with 13 mm dia holes in both the cleats.
- **2.3** Both the cleats to be cadmium plated.
- 2.4 Both the cleats to be secured in position by high tensile Cadmium plated M-12 bolts and nuts. The length of the bolts excluding the head should not be less than 80 mm with 45 mm threaded length.
- 2.5 The existing copper bus bar connecting the fixed cleat to the winding to be replaced by brazing 50 mm wide copper bar of the same thickness covering the full width of the fixed cleat as shown in the enclosed drawing.

3. APPLICATION

3.1 On all the a.c. locos fitted with SL-42 smoothing reactor.

4. <u>MATERIAL REQUIRED</u>

i) 23 mm thick hard drawn cadmium plated electrolytic copper cleats to replace the existing cleats -4 sets.

- ii) Set of bolts and nuts-High tensile cadmium plated: M-12 size, 80 mm long (excluding head) with 45 mm threaded legth bolts-8 sets.
- iii) (a) 235x50x10 mm thick flats electrolytic copper connecting bar to connect fixed cleat with internal coil end-2 nos.
 - (b) 161x50x10 mm thick flats electrolytic copper connecting bar to connect fixed cleat with external coil end -2 nos.

5. <u>MATERIAL SURPLUS</u>

- 1. Existing screws to secure the cleats.
- **2.** Existing electrolytic copper cleat.
- **3.** Existing flat electrolytic copper bar connecting the cleat and the winding.

6. **REFERENCE:**

Ghaziabad Electric Loco Shed's Drg. No. 139/Elect. pts/82 and CLW's drawing No.TWD.073 and No. 3 TWD.073.057

7. RDSOs Modification Drawings

SKEL-3845 (Enclosed)

8. Agencyof implementation

All sheds and shops holding a.c. locos fitted with SL-42 Smoothing reactors, and CLW for new manufacture.

9. <u>Distribution:</u>

As per enclosed list.

Encl: Drawing No. 3845

(In three sheets)

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