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Sub: Speed Certificate for operation of Rajdhani Express and similar trains comprising maximum 21 numbers of LHB AC EOG variant coaches including two LHB Generator Vans on Virar (VR) –Palanpur (PNU)- Virar (VR) section via Ahmadabad (ADI) of Western Railway at a maximum speed of 130 kmph on track maintained to C&M-I, Volume-I standard.

- 1.0 Indian Railways had signed a contract with M/s LHB Germany for supply of 24 nos. all metal lightweight high-speed BG AC coaches along with transfer of technology. These LHB coaches are fitted with CBC and FIAT bogies to 16.25 t axle load capacity with disc brake arrangement. These coaches have been designed with overall dimension to RDSO Sketch.96077 to operate up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- 1.1 LHB AC EOG Chair car has undergone detailed oscillation trials up to test speed of 180 kmph on Palwal-Mathura section of Northern Railway & North-Central Railway on track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I standard. The test results of trials as contained in RDSO Report no. MT-240, exhibit satisfactory riding and stability behavior, upto test speed of 180 kmph on track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I standard. The LHB AC Generator Van has undergone detailed oscillation trials up to test speed of 145 kmph on Palwal-Mathura section of Northern Railway & North-Central Railway and from 145 kmph upto 180 kmph on Ghaziabad-Tundla section of North-Central Railway on track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I standard. The test results of trials as contained in RDSO Report no. MT-274 and MT-282 respectively. The test results of these trials exhibit satisfactory riding and stability behavior, upto test speed of 180 kmph on track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I standard. Based on the results, a speed certificate for regular operation of LHB AC chair cars and LHB AC Generator Vans at a maximum speed of 160 km/h on track maintained to C&M-I Vol.-I standard have been issued vide RDSO's letter no. MC/LHB/Coach dated 19.3.2003 followed by partial amendment dated 27.2.2004 and amendments dated 18.11.2014 & 20.12.2014 for LHB AC EOG Chair Car and RDSO letter no. MC/LHB/Coach dated 20.3.2003 followed by partial amendment dated 27.2.2004 and amendments dated 18.11.2014, 20.12.2014 & corrigendum no. 01 dated 08.01.2015 to Amendment no.02 for LHB Generator Van.

The revised final speed certificate for operation of BG EOG type LHB AC Chair Car & LHB AC Generator Van fitted with FIAT bogies upto maximum speed of 160 kmph on track maintained to C&M-I Volume-I standard, has also been issued vide RDSO's letter nos. MC/LHB/Coach dated 08.04.2015 after incorporating concerned amendments as desired by CRS Northern Circle.

- 1.2 RCF has built AC 2-Tier (LWACCW), AC First Class (LWFAC), AC First cum AC-2 Tier (LWFCWAC), AC Hot Buffet Car (LWCBAC), BG LHB AC EOG variant Broad Gauge coaches confirming to RDSO's drawing no. 96077 fitted with Fiat bogies. These Coaches have been built to the state of art technology and provided with disc brakes and CBC. CCRS was approached for granting dispensation for conduct of trials on the basis of similar suspension design and other parameter of above said coaches, being comparable to LHB EOG AC Chair cars, which had exhibited satisfactory riding up to maximum test speed of 180 kmph in accordance with report no MT-240 for track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I. Accordingly CCRS/Lucknow vide letter न्यू-17016/06/2013-14.त0वि0 dated 05.03.2014, granted dispensation from conduct of oscillation trials for above said coaches. Based on above, the speed certificate for operation of AC 2-Tier (LWACCW), AC First Class (LWFAC),

AC First cum AC-2 Tier (LWFCWAC), AC Hot Buffet Car (LWCBAC), BG LHB AC EOG variant Broad Gauge coaches has been issued up to maximum speed of 160 kmph on track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I standard vide letter no. MC/LHB/COACH dated 05.06.2014.

- 1.3 Coupler force and EBD trials of 18 numbers of LHB AC EOG coaches with single WAP5 Locomotive have been conducted on NDLS-CNB-NDLS section of Northern Railway and North Central Railway and the test results as contained in Report no. MT-283 (March 2001) are found within limit.
- 1.4 Emergency Braking Distance and Full Service Braking Distance trials of 22 AC /Non AC EOG LHB coaches hauled by single WAP4 Locomotive have been conducted on MGS-GZB section of North Central Railway. The test results as contained in Report no. RDSO/2012/TG/MT-1160/F Rev.-0 dated 22.03.2012 Amendment-Nil, are found within limit.
- 1.5 The Confirmatory Oscillograph Car Runs of 21 LHB AC EOG coaches hauled by individual single WAP5 Locomotive and individual single WDP4 Locomotive have been conducted on Virar (VR)-Ahmadabad (ADI) section & Virar (VR)-Palanpur (PNU) section via Ahmadabad (ADI) of Western Railway, in both up and down directions upto a max speed of 130 kmph respectively. The test results as contained in RDSO's Report no. RDSO/2016/TG/MT-1435/F Rev.0 Amendment-Nil, dated 13.01.2016, exhibit satisfactory riding and stability behavior upto maximum speed of 130 kmph.

1.6 Locomotive

- 1.6.1 WAP5 class of locomotives imported from M/s ABB, Switzerland have undergone detailed oscillation trials at maximum speed of 180 kmph and the results are contained in RDSO's report no. MT-88 (June, 1997). Based on the results, WAP5 class of locomotives have been cleared for operation up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph on track maintained to standards laid down in RDSO report no. C&M-1, Volume -I vide RDSO's letter no. SD.WAP5.11 dated 19.06.1997 followed by amendments dated 23.10.2006, 20.01.2012, 13.06.2012 & 20.12.2014.

The revised final maximum permissible speed certificate of WAP5 class of locomotives upto 160kmph on track maintained to C&M-I Volume-I standard, has also been issued vide RDSO's letter no. SD.WAP5.11 dated 28.03.2015 after incorporating concerned amendments as desired by CRS Northern Circle.

- 1.6.2 The WDP4 class of locomotive has undergone detailed oscillation trials up to a maximum test speed of 180 kmph on Ghaziabad-Kanpur and Tuglakabad-Agra Cantt section of North Central Railway, results of which are contained in RDSO report no. MT-326 (Jan.,2002). Based on the results of trial, WDP4 class of locomotive has been cleared for regular operation upto 160 kmph on track maintained to standards laid down in RDSO report no. C&M-I, Vol.-I vide RDSO's amended letter no. SD.WDP4.11 dated 29.12.2008. .

2. Based on the above, it is certified that Rajdhani Express and similar type of trains hauled by single individual WAP5 & single individual WDP4 class of locomotives and having maximum 21 nos. of LHB AC EOG variant coaches including two nos. of LHB AC Generator Van may be permitted to operate between Virar (VR)-Ahmadabad (ADI) section & Virar (VR)-Palanpur (PNU) section via Ahmadabad (ADI) up to the maximum speed of 130 kmph respectively.

2.1 Track

- 2.1.1 The track shall be to a minimum standard of 52 kg rail on PSC sleepers with M+7 density and depth of ballast cushion below the sleeper of 250 mm which may consist of at least 100 mm clean and the rest in caked up condition, on compact and stable formation track maintained to C&M-I, Vol.-I standard. Moreover, the instructions for the maintenance of track on high-speed route, circulated to the Indian Railways under RDSO's DO letter no. CRA/509 dated 07.7.1971 and approved by Railway Board under their letters No. 71/W6/HS/8 dated 27.8.1971 and 71/W6/HS/1 dated 21.10.1971 should also be followed.

- 2.1.2 For track maintained to lower standard than that mentioned above, the Chief Engineer shall decide the lower maximum permissible speed on the basis of maintenance condition. In this connection, Railway Board's letter No. 65/WDO/SR/26 dated 19/20.10.1966 may be seen. When the Chief Engineer considers that the roadbed is not compacted or there is improper drainage, he may suitably restrict the maximum permissible speed, depending upon the local conditions.
- 2.1.3 The maximum permissible speed on curves shall be decided on the basis of the existing provisions of the Indian Railways Permanent Way Manual second reprint 2004.
- 2.1.4 The welds shall be protected by joggled fish plates as per provisions of Para 6.4 and Para 8.14 of USFD Manual and Para 6.3 of AT welding manual and other policy instructions of Railway Board. Maintenance of rail & rail joints shall be ensured as per Para 250 & 251 of IRPWM. In addition, wherever condition warrants on account of corrosion on rail/ weld collar, wear on rail, cupping of welds etc. necessary precautions shall be taken for fish plating/ joggled fish plating.
- 2.1.5 Zonal Railways may ensure further detailed examination of track as deemed fit based on age-cum-condition basis, overdue renewal and condition of formation etc. as per provisions of Chapter III of IRPWM-2004 regarding permanent way renewals.

2.2 Bridges

- 2.2.1 The clearance refers to bridges "Standard Spans" with standard design of girders, slabs, pipe culverts, piers and abutments, etc. issued by RDSO for BGML, RBG & MBG-1987 standard loadings. However, the bearings of span 76.2 meters (clear) designed for BGML standard loading as per RDSO's drg. no. BA-11154 should be strengthened by providing two additional anchor bolts.
- 2.2.2 Superstructures and bearings of "Special Spans" (designed and constructed by zonal railways based on site requirements) including all Arches and sub-structures of all bridges (all standard Spans & Special Spans) shall be examined under the directions of the Chief Bridge Engineer concern and certified safe by him in terms of current Indian Standard Codes with up to- date correction slips.
- 2.2.3 The above clauses have been arrived considering bridges are in physically sound condition. In case the bridges are not in satisfactory physical condition, necessary speed restriction to be imposed by concern Chief Bridge Engineer of Zonal Railway.
- 2.2.4 Location of bridges on which speed restrictions are imposed shall be notified by the Railways and incorporated in the working timetable.
- 2.2.5 This clearance is subject to the following parameters of locomotives and LHB AC EOG variant coaches:

(A) For Locomotives:

S.No.	Description	WAP5	WDP4
1.	Max. axle load	19.5 ± 2%t	19.5 t
2.	Max. tractive effort	26.3 t	27.52 t
3.	Max. braking force at rail level	16.3 t	16.3 t
4.	CG height above rail level	Not exceeding 1830 mm	

(B) For LHB AC EOG Variant Coaches

i) AC First Class Coach (LWFAC)

Maximum Axle Load	:	16.25t
Maximum Braking Force at Rail Level	:	5.8t
CG height above rail level	:	Not exceeding 1830 mm

ii) AC First cum AC-2 Tier (LWFCWAC)

Maximum Axle Load	:	16.25t
Maximum Braking Force at Rail Level	:	5.8t
CG height above rail level	:	Not exceeding 1830 mm

iii) AC 2-Tier Sleeper Coach (LWACCW)

Maximum Axle Load	:	16.25t
Maximum Braking Force at Rail Level	:	5.8t
CG height above rail level	:	Not exceeding 1830 mm

iv) AC 3-tier Sleeper coach (LWACCN)

Maximum Axle Load	:	16.25t
Maximum Braking Force at Rail Level	:	5.8t
CG height above rail level	:	Not exceeding 1830 mm

v) AC (EOG) Pantry Car (LWCBAC)

Maximum Axle Load	:	16.25t
Maximum Braking Force at Rail Level	:	5.8t
CG height above rail level	:	Not exceeding 1830 mm

vi) Generator van (LWLRRM)

Maximum Axle Load	:	16.25t
Maximum Braking Force at Rail Level	:	6.62t
CG height above rail level	:	Not exceeding 1830 mm.

2.2.6 Specific restrictions are applicable as mentioned in relevant speed certificates of hauling single/ multiple locomotives issued by RDSO

2.3 **Signaling**

2.3.1 Provision of GR, SR, SEM and all extant instructions issued from time to time shall be complied with.

2.3.2 MACLS shall be provided with two distant signals or four aspect automatic signaling. If two distant signals are provided then first distant signal shall be located at a distance of 1 km in rear of the home signal and the second distant signal at a distance of 2 kms in rear of the home signal. This stipulation shall also be applicable to the IBS and interlocked gates located in the block section.

2.3.3 All manned level crossing gates shall be provided with telephone communication with the nearest station.

2.3.4 With a view to maintained safety, the last stop signal shall not be taken "OFF" at the station unless:

2.3.4.1 The sections upto the stations in advance is clear, and

2.3.4.2 At the station in advance, the route of the train is clear, correctly set and locked for reception of train.

2.3.5 Following provisions are mandatory.

- i) Electrical operation of points and means for locking both switches.
- ii) Electrical means for lock detection and independent switch detection by the respective signals.
- ii) The interlocking between signal and points shall be by electrical or electronic means (PI/RR/SSI)
- iii) Track circuiting of all running line from first stop from first stop signal to last stop signal.
- iv) At stations provided with central panel interlocking arrangement for verifying complete arrival of train by suitable means (Axle counter/track circuit block proving).
- v) Means for directly holding the closed switch rail to corresponding stock rail and preventing the points from being unlocked during the passage of the train (clamp lock) is required for facing point.

25Watts VHF sets shall be provided in the locomotive and guards van for communication between loco pilot, guard and adjacent station master till such time mobile train radio communication work is commissioned in the section.

2.3.6 All level crossing gates should be manned.

2.4 Traction Installation (Applicable when electric locomotive is used)

2.4.1 The OHE shall have swivelling type of cantilever having the tension in the conductors regulated automatically, with a presag of 50 / 100 mm. The presage is on contact wire for a span of 72 meter, proportionately less for smaller spans.

2.4.2 In case of locations where porcelain section insulators are installed on main line and lie within first 1/10th and 1/3rd of the span immediately after the OHE structure and the runners in the trailing direction the maximum speed shall be limited to 120 km/h. At all other locations where porcelain section insulators are installed, the speed shall be limited to 80 km/h.

2.4.3 The current collection beyond 100 km/h shall be made through one number pantograph fit for high-speed operation.

2.4.4 It will be ensured that the cantilevers in the trial section have BFB steady arm (RI No. 2390) with 25 mm drop bracket assembly (RI No. 2360).

2.4.5 In 25kV a.c. traction area, the CEE of Railway shall have to ensure that the minimum height of contact wire as stipulated in provision of Chapter –V and V-A, Electric Traction "Schedule of Dimension of 1676 gauge (BG) revised 2004" is not violated and strictly followed to ensure its safe running".

2.4.6 In addition to the above, the CEE may impose any temporary speed restriction on the basis of his personal knowledge and experience of the OHE and the conditions prevailing on any particular section.

2.5 **Rolling Stock**

2.5.1 Before starting the operation, Mechanical department of the concerned railway shall arrange to certify the track worthiness & safety of rolling stocks and also ensure proper maintenance of the stock. However where the maintenance of rolling stock is being done by Electrical Department, CEE will also be consulted.

2.5.2 The Wheel Slide Protection (WSP) device of all the coaches in the rake shall be functional at the starting station. If the WSP of any coach become defective enroute, the brake system of that particular coach shall be isolated duly insuring compliance of the instructions contained in RDSO's letter no. MC/LHB/Brake dated 05.12.2013.

- 2.5.3 The earthing arrangement on the coaches shall be maintained as per design.
- 2.5.4 The LHB AC EOG coaches shall be maintained as per "Maintenance manual for LHB coaches issued by CAMTECH Gwalior in year 2013.
- 2.5.5 CEE of the concerned railway shall ensure that, number of coaches in rake shall be according to the capacity of diesel-alternator set of power car and current carrying capacity of inter vehicular coupler.

2.6 General

- 2.6.1 All the permanent and temporary speed restrictions in force and those that may be imposed from time to time due to track, bridges, curves, signaling and interlocking etc.
- 2.6.2 Attention is also invited to the note on "Preparation of Electrical Equipment of Diesel and Electric Locomotives for high speed operation" circulated with this office letter No. EL/3.3.15/WAM2/Gr.CON dated 24.12.1970 and the locomotive should be attended accordingly.
- 2.6.3 LHB AC (EOG) variant coaches and LHB Generator Van do not infringe any clause of revised IRSOD-2004.
- 2.6.4 The pantograph of WAP5 locomotive in locked down condition and the surge arrestors infringe the Maximum Moving Dimensions of 1929 over non-electrified sections. After removing pantograph pan assembly and two surge arrestors, the profile will infringe their Maximum Moving Dimensions, 1929 but will be within X class loco profile. For movement of the loco in non-electrified territory, pantograph pan assembly and two surge arrestors shall be removed and the movement of the loco shall be cleared by the Railway concerned as per the extant rules applicable. In non-electrified sections where Maximum Moving Dimensions of existing X class locos are not permissible, the movement shall be in accordance with the instructions issued by Railway Board and other additional instructions issued by the Zonal Railways for the movement of ODCs. Railway Board have condoned the infringements of WAP5 locomotives vide their letter no. 95/CEDO/SR/18 dated 14.07.1995.
- 2.6.5 The design of WDP4 locomotive infringes clauses 11 (ii), 12, 13 and 17 of Chapter IV (C) of the BG Metric Schedule of Dimensions, 1973 Reprint. Railway Board have condoned these infringements vide their letter No. 2001/CEDO/SR/18 dated 23.8.2001.

संलग्नक:

- (i) RDSO Sketch 96077
- (ii) RCF's drawing no. LE 90009

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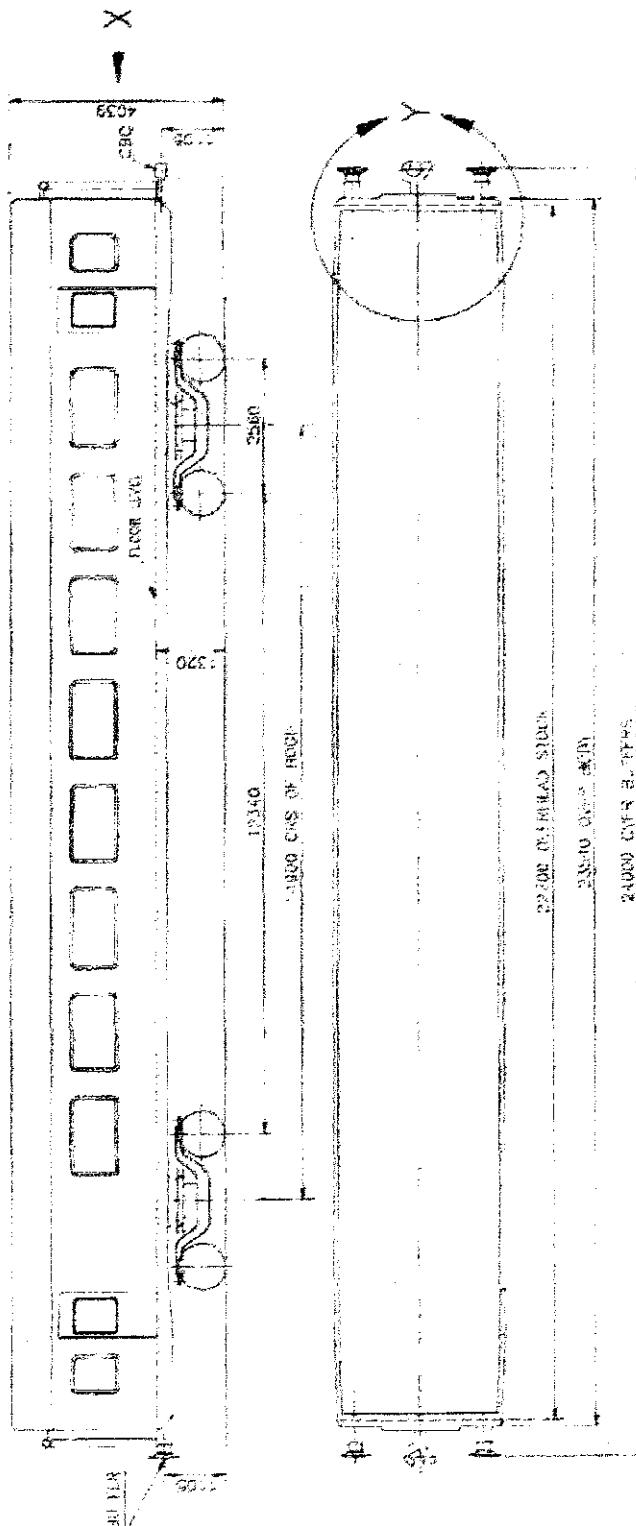
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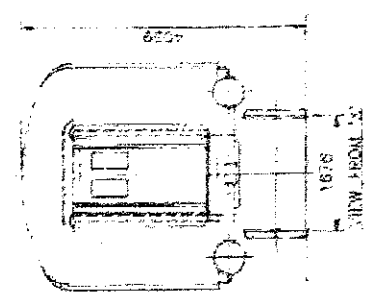
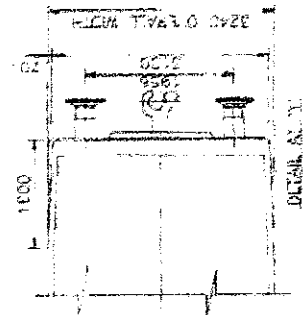


DIAGRAM SHOWING MAIN DIMENSIONS
OF LHB-IR COACH

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