

Ministry of Railways

Making Old Style Bogies Safe and Comfortable

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Integral Coach Factory (ICF) type coaches plying over the Indian Railways (IR) have been designed with the necessary safety features considering the operating conditions over IR. However, the Ministry of Railways has decided to carry out the work of upgradation of the coach interiors and exteriors and to provide additional safety features like the anti-climbing feature, which reduces the chances of coaches climbing one over the other in the event of accidents, in the identified ICF type coaches, that have a certain balance residual life. The upgradation of coaches would result in an improvement in the overall ambience and furnishing and enhanced passenger comfort. The work includes, among others, complete stripping of the coaches to bare shell, extensive corrosion repair of the body and underframe, replacement of headstock, if required, provision of new / overhauled draw and buffing gear, refurbishment of coach interiors, Polyurethane painting of the exteriors, renewal of toilets and fittings along with plumbing, provision of new fans, lights and batteries, etc.

It has been decided to carry out the above works in a phased manner depending upon the availability of capacities and funds.

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